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63-year-old was punched by man (33)

A MAN who "poleaxed" his victim with a single punch, has been given a six-month sentence, suspended for two years, at Cardiff Crown Court, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Shane Burrows (33) of Canberra Road, Bridgend, admitted a charge of causing David Bailey (63) actual bodily harm during an unprovoked attack.

He was also ordered to carry out 100 hours of unpaid work. He was made subject to a

supervision order for two years, to pay his victim £75 compensation and £80 victim surcharge.

A restraining order of three years was also imposed, preventing Burrows having any contact with Mr Bailey.

Prosecutor John Probert said that on May 2, Mr Bailey went to the Coity Castle pub in Bridgend with his girlfriend.

At about 10.30pm, he was outside smoking when the defendant, whom he knew by sight, approached and said: "Get away from here, or I'm going to hit you."

Burrows then threw a

punch which Mr Probert described as a "sucker punch".

Mr Bailey suffered blurred vision and an injury to his left eye, which bled.

When arrested 18 days later, Burrows denied being at the pub and said he was in Cardiff, but the landlord confirmed he had been at the premises.

Mr Bailey later said he had been emotionally upset, had suffered a great deal of pain and felt very vulnerable.

The court heard that Burrows had a conviction for a public order offence and assaulting a woman.

His barrister, James Evans, said: "This case involved a black eye. Recently, Burrows was made redundant, but he has turned over a new leaf."

Recorder Peter Griffiths told Burrows: "You poleaxed an aged, frail man. It was completely unprovoked. You were in drink, I suspect."

"The good thing is you have made serious attempts to turn your life around."

THAT'S THE (library) TICKET - and it's a GOLDEN one!



The children show their golden tickets!

A CLASSIC children's book has been brought to life by the library and information service, thanks to a storytelling walk and help from a local sweet shop.

In conjunction with the Love2Walk festival and 'Ella Riley's sweet shop', families took a stroll from Bridgend Library through Newbridge Fields that captured the magic of the Roald Dahl favourite, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Children were greeted at the library by Willy Wonka, while Sarah Harris from the council's Love2Walk festival led the one-mile walk.

At designated spots, Willy Wonka paused to read and perform passages from the well-loved book, while followers watched and listened with

delight. Hidden among the trees and bushes were golden tickets, which the children searched high and low to get their hands on.

Along the way, children came across a few familiar characters from the book, such as Grandpa Joe and an Oompa-Loompa, who were also in the fields searching for the precious golden tickets.

Children who had a golden ticket handed it in to the library when they next borrowed a book or DVD and were entered into a prize draw for a Roald Dahl book collection.

The walk concluded at Ella Riley's sweet shop on Noltton Street, where children were treated to a chocoholic's dream demonstration of the chocolate-making machine by business owner, Steve Bletsoe.

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Elvis will be back in the building...

THE Elvis festival will be back in Porthcawl next weekend (September 26-28), the guest houses are all booked up, and there will be one decidedly quirky addition!

Organiser Peter Phillips is offering festival-goers a chance to see 'Et Tu Elvis' - his self-penned show which presents The King's life, retold in scenes from Shakespeare plays, for free.

It sounds unusual, but the show was performed at this year's Edinburgh Festival, where the eccentric is positively encouraged!

The show is scheduled to be performed at 5pm in the Grand Pavilion on Friday, September 26 (Time correct as The GEM went to press).

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'Recycle more plastic items' residents are urged



Bridgend county borough residents can recycle plastics in their weekly kerbside collections.

BRIDGEND County Borough Council is supporting #Pledge4Plastics, a new national campaign which is encouraging households to try and recycle one extra plastic bottle or container each week.

The council is hoping to get residents thinking about the plastic bottles and containers that they use every day in their homes and consider how much of it can be recycled to help cut down on the amount of waste that is sent to landfill.

Coun Phil White, Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet member for communities, said: "From shampoo and

shower gel bottles in the bathroom, to drinks bottles, yoghurt pots and food tubs in the kitchen, our homes quickly fill up with plastic containers that can be recycled.

"An astonishing five billion plastic bottles were sent to UK landfill sites last year, so we are pleased to support this new initiative which will hopefully make people think twice when they are about to throw a plastic container in the bin. If you live in Bridgend county borough, just remember to wash the bottle or container out and place it in your blue bag ready for the weekly recycling collection."

It is estimated that the average UK household uses approximately 440 plastic bottles per year, but only recycles just over half of them.

Speaker tells of life on the ocean wave!

THE September meeting of Sker WI was held recently when president Nora Williams welcomed members back after the summer break.

The speaker was Captain Jones, who worked on cruise ships after World War Two.

He was a naval cadet and studied at Cardiff and London universities.

He travelled all over the world and passengers included many famous people and royalty.

At the age of 32, Mr Jones trained at Harvard Business School to run a

fleet of ships which he did for over 25 years. Part of his life was spent in Norway before retiring to the UK.

There is a visit planned to the New Theatre in Cardiff followed by a meal.

We have a variety of speakers to look forward to, and at the next meeting on Thursday, October 9, Ms Deana Owen will talk on 'Children in Zambia'. We meet at St David's Hall, Nottage at 7pm and anyone wishing to join us is very welcome.

Ann Vipond

Bat walks

TO celebrate International Bat Night, Margam Country Park opened its doors late into the evening to welcome bat enthusiasts of all abilities to join in the biggest Welsh bat night event for 2014.

There are 18 species of bat in the UK and 10 of these have been found at Margam.

Margam Country Park is planning more bat walks. See NPT wildlife facebook pages for details.

Charities will benefit from local events

ON Wednesday, September 3, the Bridgend County Civic Charity held their annual cheese and wine event at Season's Restaurant, Bridgend College by permission of the Principal, Simon Pirotte.

All committee members donate the cheese and wine, and it is prepared and served by students from the college, supervised by Ms Kim Jenkins, under the guidance of Mr A Trumper.

The guest speakers, Dr Noel Thomas and Alina Ascarci, were introduced by a friend, a retired ex-employee of Bridgend County Borough Council, Les Jones, who is very well known in the Llynfi Valley. He is vice-chairman of BAVO, on the Board of Trustees at Y Bont, chairman of the Llynfi Valley 11 to 25 Youth Project and

he is always ready to help other charitable organisations.

Dr Noel Thomas is a retired and well respected GP of the Llynfi Valley, who has travelled to many African countries to give medical help and advice where needed. Dr Noel is a highly qualified doctor and an excellent homeopath.

Alina was born in Modena, Italy and has a degree in educational sciences; is a post graduate in play therapy and a qualified homeopath, has worked with children and has travelled far and wide.

Listening to 'Travellers Tales' from Dr Noel and Alina was an interesting experience which everyone really enjoyed, including the Lord Mayor and Mayoress of Swansea and the Mayor and consort of the county borough of Bridgend.

The charity will benefit by over £400, which we acknowledge as a contribution from Bridgend

College. The next event is a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support/Bridgend county on September 24, at Main Reception, Civic Offices, BCBC from 10am to 12.30pm, supporting the Biggest Coffee Morning in the World with home-made cakes, coffee, tea or squash for a generous donation.

On October 5, at All Saints Church, Victoria Avenue Porthcawl, the Voskresenje Vocal Ensemble from St Petersburg, in Russia, will be in concert with Ieuencid Aelwyd Porthcawl at 7.30pm. Tickets £10, available at the door, or on 01656 664105.

The charities for 2014/2015 are Macmillan Cancer Support/Bridgend County, Bridgend Carers Centre, and Friends of Bridgend Youth Music. Your support would be appreciated.

MARI MAJOR

LOCAL CHOIR'S LINK WITH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP



Jessica Robinson.

THE Russell Sheppard Trust came to the attention of Bridgend Male Choir years ago, being introduced by its late musical director, the popular John Jenkins.

A Bridgend resident for part of his life, John lived at Merthyrmaur Road in the town with his musician wife, Wendy and family.

Wendy is the daughter of Russell Sheppard, who did so much for music through the education system in south Wales.

A vice president of Bridgend Male Choir in her own right, Wendy, together with her daughter Karin, has continued the link through the choir with the trust.

Every other year,

vocalists and instrumentalists compete for the trust award and scholarship. As well as the bursary, vocal winners are invited to perform at the choir's annual concert, to the local choristers' delight. Pembroke's Jennifer Robinson, the 2014 winner, will sing at the 'Annual' this year. The quality of the competition is such that these vocalists usually go on to bigger and better things.

To hear soprano Jessica perform with the 2014 Llangollen Eisteddfod Male Choir winners, go along to St Mary's Catholic Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend from 7pm on October 10. Tickets £5, available from Porters Estate Agents, Nolton Street; the News Shop, Dunraven Place or choir secretary, Gareth Reese on 07773 170373.

Quakers support Zambia projects

BRIDGEND Quakers are holding their annual garden party from 2pm-4pm this Saturday, September 20 at the Quaker Meeting House, 87 Park Street, Bridgend.

All money raised will go to Friends of Monze, a local charity which supports self-help projects in Monze, Zambia.

A member of Bridgend meeting, Deana Owen, a retired

health visitor, has recently returned from three months in Zambia and will talk about the projects which have been supported so far and plans for the future.

As well as books, crafts and local produce there will be cream teas for sale and 'Slapping Skins' will entertain with African drumming.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

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Bridgend YFC hand over cheques at AGM

ON Tuesday, August 26, a meeting of Bridgend Young Farmers Club was held at Cefn Cribwr Sports and Social Club.

During the year, the club had been collecting money for the charity of the year, The Ed Evans Foundation which was chosen by our chairman, Gareth Campbell.

Mr John Evans was invited to the meeting in order to receive a cheque of £1,000 for the charity, raised from several events during the year such as the harvest service, Hallowe'en dance, carol singing and a service.

A cheque for £200 was also presented to Cefn Cribwr Sports and Social Club for allowing us to use the club to hold our weekly YFC meetings and practices.

Vote for local youth charity

REGIONAL Conservative AM Suzy Davies is backing KPC Youth in their bid to get funding from the Lloyd's Bank Community Fund.

Mrs Davies, who is a supporter of the youth organisation that serves Kenfig Hill, Pyle and Connelly, is urging everyone to go on-line and vote for KPC.

She said: "They have been shortlisted for a £3,000 grant along with three other community groups. The group that gets the most votes will win. It's as simple as that."

KPC will use the money to fund open access evening sessions for local youngsters. Supporters are urged to go online at www.lloydsbank/communityfund. Voting closes on October 10.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL SEPTEMBER 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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18 Thur	02.11	7.4	14.55	7.6
19 Fri	03.43	7.5	16.12	7.7
20 Sat	04.44	7.9	17.07	8.3
21 Sun	05.31	8.4	17.52	8.8
22 Mon	06.11	8.9	18.27	9.2
23 Tues	06.47	9.3	19.01	9.4
24 Wed	07.19	9.5	19.31	9.6
25 Thur	07.51	9.8	20.04	9.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Bridgend man (50) possessed indecent images

A 50-YEAR-OLD man described as "terribly inadequate" has been given a three-year community order at Cardiff Crown Court for possessing indecent images of boys.

At one stage during the hearing, Steven King collapsed and was treated in the courtroom by paramedics. He was advised to go to hospital, but he refused.

King of Cae Garn, Bridgend, had admitted three charges of possessing indecent images.

In addition, he was also ordered to register as a sex offender for five years and to attend a sex offenders' programme.

Recorder Peter Griffiths said: "The children on the images were the abused victims. They are the people exploited."

Testimonials, said the Recorder, indicated that King, who had no previous convictions, was a decent, caring man.

He said he had no friends and no support, and had been described as "terribly inadequate".

Prosecutor Matthew Cobb said all the boys were under 18, but some were as young as three.

Police discovered DVDs and images on computers. There were 179 images

at Category A, the most serious, 120 at Category D and 500 at Category C.

There were also "German naturist" pictures, as well as Asian boy models.

"The images spoke for themselves," said Mr Cobb. When King was arrested, he said: "No comment" to the police.

His counsel, Huw Evans, said: "This is a serious matter by a man who has devoted his life to his mother. What he requires is counselling and help, something he is crying out for."

Mr Evans said he had had an abusive upbringing and saw serious violence meted out to his mother, who is housebound.

"For many years, he has struggled with his sexuality and his only friends were his computers. Sadly, he thought about things in a distorted way."

He said it all started when King used the internet to access adult pornography.

None of the images were distributed.

Mr Evans said his greatest punishment had been telling his mother about the case.

"He is an incredibly vulnerable man."

The Recorder also imposed a Sexual Offences Prevention Order and directed that the computers be confiscated.

Women are sentenced for dealing in fake goods

TWO local women have been left counting the cost of dealing in fake goods after a Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) Trading Standards investigation into their activities.

Lynne Butler and Sarah Edwards of Wern Deg, Pencoed, were found to have in their possession for supply a large quantity of counterfeit goods when they were stopped by the Police. The haul included fake branded items including Superdry Clothing, ICE Watches, and Beats By Dre Headphones.

After being found guilty at Bridgend Magistrates Court, both women were issued with

a community order and, as part of a four month curfew requirement, have been electronically tagged and not allowed to leave home between the hours of 9pm and 7am. They were also ordered to pay costs of £500.

Welcoming the result of the prosecution, BCBC's Deputy Leader, Coun David Sage, said: "The conclusion of this case sends the clear message that dealing in poor quality, illegal goods will not be tolerated in the county borough, and that those who seek to mislead and con our residents will be pursued through the courts".

BCBC's Trading Standards team can be contacted on 01656 642643 or by email via trading_standards@bridgend.gov.uk

'Why not foster?'

'EMPTY-NESTERS' are being targeted by BCBC in a drive to persuade parents whose children have left home for university to foster.

A survey of 2,600 foster carers by the Fostering Network found that 30 per cent were aged 55 or above, with another 45 per cent between 45 and 54, a spokesperson pointed out.

In Wales, 550 foster families are needed in 2014, and are especially needed for teenagers and disabled children. In Bridgend county borough alone there is a shortage of approximately 90 placements. The last financial year saw 146 children and young people become looked after – which was a six per cent increase.

Coun Huw David, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Our care system is in desperate need of foster families for these vulnerable children and young people."

"If anyone who is missing their grown up kids feels they still have something to offer to children and young people, we want to hear from you. We have a fantastic network of foster carers but we simply need more. Fostering is a challenging role but it can make a real difference to a child's life."

A fostering team will be visiting Sainsbury's, Sarn on September 22, 23 and 24, 1pm – 4pm. The team will be at Tesco Extra, Cowbridge Road on September 29 (10am – 1pm) and

September 30 (1pm – 4pm).

For more information about becoming a foster carer, call 01656 642674 or visit www.bridgend.gov.uk/fostering.



Porthcawl Museum holds World War One heritage walks

SATURDAY saw Porthcawl museum hold its annual open doors day, in conjunction with Cadw, with two successful guided World War One heritage walks during the day by Ceri Joseph – both were well attended.

During the day, the museum was open and entrance was free (further details from porthcawlmuseum@hotmail.co.uk).



Nantymoel man (18) drove dangerously

A MOTORIST who drove dangerously because he "lost leave of his senses" has been sentenced to a community order at Cardiff Crown Court.

Rhys Anderson, 18, an

electrician, who was said to have no previous convictions, was also made subject to a supervision order for a year and to carry out 50 hours unpaid work.

He was ordered to pay costs of £340, disqualified from driving

for a year and ordered to take an extended driving test.

Anderson, of Cadogan Street, Pricetown, Nantymoel, admitted a charge of dangerous driving.

Prosecutor Jason Howells said the offence occurred in the Island Avenue area of Bryncethin.

A resident heard the engine of Anderson's car "screaming" and somebody shouted: "Who's the Formula One driver?"

Anderson was spotted driving erratically and revving his engine before mounting the kerb and blocking the road.

Anderson later admitted that his behaviour had been reckless and had put people at risk.

His solicitor, Robert Chudleigh, said: "This was an unfortunate incident as a result of the break up of a relationship which had been on and off for some time."

"He had received a text message indicating that his ex-girlfriend was with another man."

"He lost leave of his senses and there was high remorse."

Judge David Wyn Morgan said: "When people are angry and drive, they become distracted. Fatalities can happen and you don't want that on your conscience. This was a steep learning curve."

James said police discovered a "mini factory" with 13 plants growing in tents in Thomas's garage.

There was sophisticated lighting, timers, warm butts and heat lamps.

When interviewed by the police, he said he was responsible and that all the plants were for his own use. He said the equipment had cost £1,000 and the drug was to alleviate the symptoms of a medical condition.

His counsel, Thomas Roberts, said: "He was drawn into the drugs world because of his illness. It was incredibly foolish."

"He was not selling any of the drugs, but was saving himself money. He actually has an anti-drug stance. Fortunately, he is being realistic in accepting his role."

It was ordered that the drugs and paraphernalia be destroyed.

Cannabis grower had a medical condition – police told

A CANNABIS grower told the police the reason he had the plants was to alleviate the symptoms of a medical condition, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Andrew Thomas (46), a taxi driver with no previous convictions, of Abergarw Drive, Brynmynyn, admitted producing cannabis.

He was sentenced to a community order for a year, directed to carry out 100 hours unpaid work, to pay prosecution costs of £200, defence costs of £200, plus a victim surcharge of £60.

Said Recorder Peter Griffiths: "You recognise you acted with utter stupidity. You spent a significant amount of money setting up this cannabis farm, and now you will have to pay for your foolishness."

Prosecutor Gareth

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Councillors call for toilets at Newton

ATTEMPTS by two local councillors to obtain public toilets at Newton beach are being backed by Shadow Welsh Tourism Minister Suzy Davies.

Mrs Davies, a Welsh Conservative regional AM, heard how Newton borough councillor Ken Watts and Town Council Independent councillor Graham Walters have joined forces to try and get something done.

Coun Watts, who is a Conservative member, said that the situation had become dire, following the Welsh Government's decision to abandon the public loos scheme, under which landlords and café owners were paid £500 a year to allow the public to use their toilets.

He said: "That scheme was a godsend to Newton because two of the pubs and a café participated. We have never had toilets at the beach, so it seemed sensible to make use of facilities provided by businesses.

"Newton Beach now gets more visitors than Rest Bay, where toilets have been provided by BCBC but there was no chance of getting the



Suzy Davies and Ken Watts at Newton beach.

council to step in. That's why the two of us asked Porthcawl Town Council to pay for a feasibility study into the possibility of putting an automatic toilet on a small piece of land near the car park."

However, before the report could be commissioned, the two councillors were approached by a local businessman and landowner who said he was considering providing toilets as part of a scheme to develop the private car park.

"We were asked to give him a few months to progress this plan and we are now waiting to hear back from him," added Coun Watts.

"If a private business will foot this bill it would save the council

taxpayers of Porthcawl from having to find £65,000 – assuming that the feasibility study would have come out in favour."

Suzy Davies said: "One of Wales' major attractions for visitors – the unique coastal path – takes in Newton beach. If we going to highlight Wales as a destination for walkers and cyclists, we need high standard comfort facilities for them.

"This is of particular significance to Porthcawl which is always looking for new ways to attract investment and create new reasons for people to visit the town.

"More than that, we are all being encouraged to take a bit more exercise. It doesn't help if people are worried they may get caught short when they're out walking.

"Age Cymru has identified that lack of public toilet facilities is something that older people in particular consider a deterrent to getting out to socialise or keep active. I hope that the action of our local councillors here will be successful."

Bake Off for charity

STAR bakers are invited to create some show-stopping cakes at a 'Bake Off' being held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at Maesteg Market on Thursday, September 25.

Organised by the Iced Cake Parlour and taking place between 10am and 12pm, the event will be an extra tasty version of a Macmillan coffee morning, with guest judges handing out prizes for the best decorated cake, best decorated and tasting cupcake, best tasting sponge cake and the best Welsh cake.



Harriet reports back to Rotary!

THE Rotary Club of Porthcawl has, for a number of years, sponsored students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award course, held at the Outdoor Studies Centre at Dolygaer.

This year, Porthcawl schoolgirl, Harriet Rees, was selected and recently attended a lunchtime meeting of the club to tell them about her experiences.

Harriet attended the course for a week, early in the summer holidays: during the course students are placed in situations that require leadership and decision making, and the activities include caving, climbing and canoeing which challenge and test their courage and determination.

Harriet gave a lively

account of her activities at Dolygaer, and the value of the course to young people was confirmed when she declared that, for her, it was far more memorable than the fortnight she spent on holiday in Spain during the summer!

Harriet is currently in her final year at Porthcawl Comprehensive School; she is a talented instrumentalist – piano, violin and guitar – and has also taken major roles in both school and Porthcawl Operatic Society productions.

She is pictured (above) receiving her RYLA certificate from Wayne Warlow, president of the Rotary Club of Porthcawl.

WI lines up 10 speakers

WORK is going ahead on Pencoed WI's programme for 2015 and we will be having 10 speakers covering a wide range of topics.

2015 also sees our turn to hold two special meetings for our Link Group, so it's going to be a busy year.

But back to this year, our speaker for September was Marjorie Page, who gave an interesting talk on the life of Clarice Cliff; she also brought along some of her pottery.

We are busy preparing for our autumn fayre on Saturday, November 8 from 10am to 12 noon in Pencoed Welfare Hall.

As usual, entrance is free and tea/coffee and a biscuit will be 50p.

This year there will be no book stall and we have increased the number of 'crafty' people selling their creations.

These stalls will include Fairtrade, jewellery, cards, preserves, sewn and fabric items and various others and, of course, the usual WI tables such as the tombola, cakes, bric-a-brac.

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This year's charity is First Responders. PP

MP 'wears it pink'

THE BRIDGEND MP, Madeleine Moon, joined the fight against breast cancer by taking part in Breast Cancer Campaign's flagship fundraiser 'wear it pink' day.

The theme of 'wear it pink' this year is to 'look good, do good' in support of breast cancer research. On October 24 people across the country will come together to find fun and stylish ways to wear pink in the office, at home or at school. Donations raised by this year's fashion inspired event will go to Breast Cancer Campaign to fund lifesaving breast cancer research.

Mrs Moon said: "Every year in the UK, around 50,000 women and 400 men are diagnosed with breast cancer. Sadly, 12,000 women and 80 men die from this disease each year.

"This is why we need to support Breast Cancer Campaign's fundraising efforts to support world-class breast cancer research that saves and improves lives, giving people quicker diagnoses and more effective treatments.

"I hope you'll all join me by wearing it pink on October 24 and showing your support for breast cancer research."

For more information, visit www.wearitpink.org.

Celebrating high achievement at Brynteg school



PICTURED are some of Brynteg's GCSE high achievers (A*-As) who are now in year-12 of the sixth form.

Left to right: Peighton Thomas, Beth Granville, Elis Harrington, Rhys Felton, Madison Smith, Ellie James, Lloyd Francis, Ahmed Waleed, Hannah Newberry and Eugene Catangui. Phoebe Pennell, Kim Roberts and Jed Stillman were unavailable for the photograph.

Headteacher David Jenkins said: "We have maintained last year's high standard of achievement and the percentage of pupils achieving five A*-C grades or equivalent at GCSE is the best in the school's history.

"We congratulate all of our students and staff on the results. Their hard work has once again been rewarded."

Notable performances included 13 students who had A*s and A's across all of their subjects. Over 75 per cent of the students have returned to the sixth form.

Cowboys ride in at Bridgend old library!

A GROUP of young people have been working hard to organise a theatre event that all the community can enjoy in the former town library, in Wyndham Street, Bridgend.

Solid Rock Youth Centre has been part of the Young Promoters Project run by The Night Out Scheme through the Arts Council of Wales.

It will welcome the internationally recognised 'Le Navet Bête' Company on September 25 with a comedy, *Once Upon a Time in a Western*.

Leanne Edwards of Bridgend Town Council approached the Night Out Scheme, as she was keen to establish the building as a place the whole community could enjoy.

"We were thrilled



when we were able to book the show in through the scheme as we want to get people through the doors to see what's on offer and it's brilliant to work with a group of local young people to make it

happen," she said.

The show will be performed on September 25 at Carnegie House, Arts and Culture Hub, Wyndham Street (former library) at 7pm. Tickets are available on the door.

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A day in the life of: Madeleine Moon MP

PEN Y FAI Primary was visited by local MP Madeleine Moon MP, who was shown around the new school by three student councillors.

The tour followed a school assembly where the pupils were taught about the Houses of Parliament and re-enacted a Commons debate on a subject of their choice – whether or not there should be a school uniform.

The MP reported: "It was a pleasure to spend time with the children at Pen Y Fai primary school. I was delighted to see how eager to learn and ask questions the children were. All pupils were working hard and enjoying their new environment. The creativity and dedication of the staff at the school was clear."

Next was a meeting in HMP Parc Prison to discuss their recent inspection with the Director Janet Wallsgrove. Madeleine Moon was pleased to hear about the young offenders' positive assessment following an unannounced inspection at the end of April.

Areas of improvement were also



Madeleine Moon MP at Pen-y-Fai Primary.

discussed, including developments concerning new prison wings and opportunities for prisoners.

"I am always impressed when I visit Parc Prison. I am very proud of the great rehabilitation work and support given to prisoners to prepare them returning into society."

"I look forward to viewing the new visitors' centre when it is

completed in the coming few weeks," the MP said.

Finally there was a visit to Bridgend Foodbank where she donated money gained from completing parliamentary questionnaires, to support those families in need across her

constituency. The foodbank is currently running low of tinned meat and therefore donations at any of the drop-off points across the county would be appreciated.

More information can be found online at bridgend.foodbank.org.uk

'Get Trading Standards behind you' businesses urged

BRIDGEND Business Forum joined forces with Bridgend County Borough Council's Trading Standards service recently to offer a free business breakfast at the Waterton Centre, Bridgend.

Aimed at highlighting the range of support that's available to enterprises from the local Trading Standards team, topics included business advice and support, updates on changes in legislation and how it could affect businesses, e-commerce and online terms and conditions, food labelling including ingredients and packaging, product safety advice, intellectual property,

copyright, trademarks and use of restricted names.

The seminar which was delivered by Jemma Robinson, Fair Trading Officer at BCBC also focused on the issue of scams targeting businesses in the area.

Bridgend County Borough Council's Deputy Leader, Coun David Sage said:

"We want to get the message across to businesses in the area that our Trading Standards team is here to provide useful advice and guidance, not only when things go wrong. "Companies which seek advice before they make crucial business decisions are better placed to protect themselves and their customers."

Weekly Quiz League posers

HERE are this week's posers:

1. Kim Basinger won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her part in which 1997 film?

2. Which Venetian artist who lived between 1487 and 1576, painted such works as 'The Three Ages of Man', 'Venus, Cupid and a Lute Player' and 'The Assumption'?

3. Which League One

football team plays home games at Brisbane Road?

4. Which entertainer was nicknamed 'The King of Swing'?

ANSWERS:

1. LA Confidential.
2. Titian.
3. Leyton Orient.
4. Benny Goodman.

Singer who thought he had lost his voice!

THE internationally-acclaimed Welsh baritone opera singer, Mark Llewellyn-Evans, was forced to face the prospect of never singing again when chronic Gastric Oesophageal Reflux Disease (GORD) threatened to destroy his vocal chords.

With the vocal chords almost damaged beyond repair, he couldn't see any other option, but was recently fitted with a revolutionary magnetic device that has cured the condition. He will now sing again at the Mayor's concert in Bridgend next month.

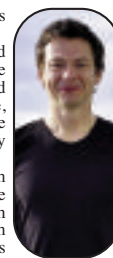
Mark (45), who has sung with Katherine Jenkins, underwent treatment that saw him fitted with the LINX Reflux Management System, a tiny device made of magnetic beads encased in titanium that goes around

the top of the stomach and which has eliminated his GORD symptoms.

"There were plans to produce my second album, but I was very worried that my voice was too unreliable and so I thought we'd have to put the project on hold, or worse, cancel it altogether. However, when we discovered the LINX treatment, suddenly hope was restored," said Mark.

"I went on to record my second album 'This Guy's In Love', and the charity single 'Tell my Father' with the band of the Welsh Guards. My career is back on track and I'm so pleased to have my voice back to its best," he added.

Mark Llewellyn-Evans sings at the Mayor's concert on October 18 in Carnegie House, Bridgend Old Library, at 7.30pm. Call 01656 642729 for more information.



ABOVE: Mark Llewellyn-Evans.

LOCAL LAW FIRM IN LINE FOR A NATIONAL AWARD

NEWBOLD Solicitors have been shortlisted for The Modern Law Awards 2014/15.

The finals are taking place in The Hilton, Park Lane, London. Newbold have been short listed, along with four other UK law firms.

The firm was nominated after Catherine Hartland was a runner-up in 'Best Woman in Law 2012'. A spokesperson said:

"This is an amazing achievement for a local law firm. Newbold has been serving the Barry and Vale area for only four years and in those four years has become a leading UK law firm."

The firm has four offices, over 30 staff and is employing six more in September. It completes over 200 purchases and sales

each month, and is one of the only law firms in the UK that can offer 'no win no fee' on housing matters and is a very busy family and probate law firm.

So what is the reason for their success?

One of the partners, Catherine Hartland, explained: "It has not been an easy four years, my partner (Maurice) and I have had to work very long hours, but the reason for the firm's success is that we work so well together, we support each other and complement each other."

"It sounds a cliché but it is true, the firm comprises not only partners, but very dedicated and talented staff."

"Without the staff providing a first class service, we could

never have achieved so much. Our team have taken on the largest law firms in West London and been successful."

"You do not have to travel to London to find the best solicitor, and you don't have to pay London rates."

"Our success is because we treat our clients with respect, we care that they do not pay disproportional legal costs and we always get the best results for them."

When asked what advice she would give to other companies she replied: "Follow your instincts, employ the most talented team you can, and never give up on your goals."

For more information, contact www.newboldsolicitors.com or call (01446) 700693.

In Flanders Field... and beyond



ABOVE: Cefn Cribwr memorial.

CEFN CRIBWR will commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War 1914-18 with a cabaret concert on October 10 at 7pm in Cefn Cribwr Community Centre.

It will feature songs of the period led by Dorothy Brown, former member of the Welsh National Opera; the Melingriffith Community Brass Band; Cefn Cribwr Primary School;

Cynffig Comprehensive School; Actonion - Y Bont. Win Griffiths OBE has organised the concert and tickets are £5 adults, £4 children and seniors.

The hall will be laid out in cabaret-style, with people invited to bring their own food and drink.

There will be a raffle during the concert which is in aid of the Royal British Legion.

Tickets are available from village organisations and from Win Griffiths, on 01656 740526.

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Cadw opens its doors in 30th anniversary year

MUSEUMS, historic attractions and hidden gems in Wales welcome thousands of visitors this month, as part of Open Doors organised by Cadw during its 30th anniversary celebrations.

Hundreds of attractions are offering free entry, activities or events.

Local events

September 9 – 27, 9am – 5pm: Swesky Bridal Shop, The Old Church in Tythegston; selling a wide range of bespoke wedding dresses, jewellery and suit hire.

As part of Cadw's Open Doors event, they will be offering a chance for visitors to view the interior and exterior of the church. Please call 01656 785302 to book a viewing.

September 21, 11am – 4pm: Porthcawl Harbour. A guided walk

will be led by Aubrey Green, a consultant engineer, who worked on the harbour project and who has an extensive knowledge of the history of the harbour area.

The walk will look at the historic development of the harbour, as well as the recent improvements and future plans for the Harbour and associated buildings.

September 26 – 27, 10am – 3pm: Tondy Methodist Church, Bridgend was built in 1968 by the Brogden family, who were the ironmasters in Tondy at the time.

The new Wesley Centre offers excellent community activities and provides a focus for reclaiming Tondy's industrial and cultural heritage through activities, exhibitions and more.

This is a great opportunity to visit Tondy Methodist Church and to see the new community facilities. The church

will be decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables for the traditional harvest festival. There will be refreshments available and a chance to hear some live music on Saturday.

There will also be a display relating to local history and an opportunity to contribute to the building of an archive relating to Tondy and district.

September 27, 10am – 4pm: Ogmere Vale Primary School, Bridgend was opened in 2003 and combined four local schools under one roof.

It will be opening to the public who will be able to view the school, the 2004 Ogmere Valley Miners' Memorial, the Ogmere Valley Timeline and the Ogmere Valley Archive.

It will also be the first opportunity for many years to view the old Grammar School memorial board which will be installed in the school in 2014. The public will meet members

of the local history society and view our extensive digital archive.

September 27 – 28th, 10am-4pm: St John's House, Bridgend is an early example of a hearth passage house and is placed in the first half of the 16th century. In addition to tours of the house, Meibion y Ddraig (Sons of the Dragon) will be displaying medieval weapons and archery equipment.

Children can dress up in medieval clothes and all can play with medieval toys. There will also be displays of herbs and descriptions of their usage.

September 27, 7.30pm – 9.30pm: Siloam Chapel, Cefn Ironworks, Cefn Junction Signal Box, Bridgend.

Take a guided walk around Cefn Cribwr's historic sites. This 'Death and Disaster' walk visits some of the fascinating buildings of Cefn Cribwr to illustrate the dangers of everyday life at home and in the workplace, the ironworks and mines which were so

important in Cefn Cribwr's development.

Visit Siloam Chapel with its fascinating graveyard, proceed past the White Lion pub with its tales of hauntings to the ironworks with its associated dangers. Next you go on to Cefn Junction to meet Davy Griffiths, signalman until 1937.

September 27, 9.30am – 4pm:

South Wales Police Headquarters, Bridgend museum tells the story of policing in south Wales, from the Celts right through to the present day.

Highlights include a reconstruction of a Victorian police cell (complete with resident prisoner!) and an Edwardian Charge Room.

Booking required. Call 01656 761855.

For more information, visit www.cadw.wales.gov.uk/events.

Porthcawl Comprehensive School

OPEN EVENING FOR YEAR 7 INTAKE IN 2015

To be held at 6.00pm Thursday 2nd October 2014

The school is proud to hold its **Annual Open Evening** for those parents who wish their children to attend Year 7 in September 2015.

Porthcawl is a traditional school with a proven track record of excellence for all. Examination results have been consistently above the local and national averages.

In 2013

- 100% students sitting GCSEs in Year 11 gained a qualification A*- G
- 78.9% of pupils passed 5 or more GCSEs at A*- C
- 30 students gained 8 or more GCSEs at A/A* (26 in 2012)

We organise frequent transition events to help pupils settle in; here are some of their thoughts:

"Transition has made me feel more confident!"

"The size of the Comp. has become smaller and is not so big and scary any more!"

"I've already met new friends from other primaries"

Further information can be found on the school website: www.porthcawlschool.co.uk
Alternatively you may telephone 01656 774100.

Our recent Estyn inspection report was very positive and we were proud to read that:

"One of the school's strengths is the exceptional working relationship between teachers and pupils. The school has a strong ethos based on fairness and this creates a caring and disciplined environment."

"Transition work with partner primary schools is of the highest quality."

"At Key Stage 3, performance in English, Mathematics and Science has improved and overall performance is higher than modelled expectations."

"Nearly all pupils behave very well in class and around the school. They are ready to learn and participate well in lessons. They are courteous and relate well to one another, to their teachers and to other adults."

The GEM has joined forces with the Dogs Trust to find homes for inmates at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre.

Mandy asks you to be patient!

MANDY is an eight-year-old Labrador cross, affectionate and incredibly loyal to those she loves.

Mandy is worried by other dogs and does show aggression to cope with that, but we are helping her learn the skills she needs to make friends.

Mandy will need an experienced home, with owners willing to put some work into her socialisation. It would be preferable if there were no dogs either side of the garden to prevent any complications.

Despite her issues, Mandy is a gentle and playful girl, she just needs calm, patient owners. She is house trained, fine to be left for a few hours and can live with children over 14 years old.

If you can offer Mandy the home she deserves, please call us on 01656 725219, or pop into Dogs Trust Bridgend, at Pen-y-Fai. We are open 12pm – 4pm every day except Monday, with late night opening on Wednesdays until 7.30pm.

We have lots of lovely dogs here, so if Mandy's not the girl for you, please do visit to see who else is looking for a home!

LINDA FEAGAN

(Supporter Relations Officer, Dogs Trust Bridgend)



Who wants to build what and where?

- Mrs Anna Narewska – 20 Badgers single storey rear extension and construct new single storey rear extension.
- Brook, Brackla – Retention of garden shed.
- Mr N Brett – 34 Banc yr Allt, Bridgend – Retention of decking, increase height of fence to improve privacy and shed to rear garden.
- Mrs Sarah Ward – Adjacent Australian Terrace, Bridgend – Develop a small scale standby electricity generation plant.
- Mr David Hubbard – 3 High Street, Laleston – Relax conditions 2 and 3 of P/13/867/FUL relating to code for sustainable homes.
- Mr Darren Verderame – 4 De Clare Close, Porthcawl – Ground floor side and two-storey side extensions, relocate driveway, extend front boundary wall and reinstate pathway/grass verge.
- Mr Roy Knight – 33 Long Acre Drive, Porthcawl – Single storey ground floor extension and first floor dormer extension.
- Mr Philip Stinton – Derllwyn House, Derllwyn Road, Tondy – Remove chimney to below roof level, cap off and slate over with matching slate.
- Neath Port Talbot CBC – Llynfi Afon Renewable Energy Park – Obs application for the erection of two anemometry mass 78m high (temp period of 18 months).
- Lisa Whelan – 35 Hillcrest, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend – Proposed loft conversion and proposed increased vehicular access.
- Dr Bridget Kirsop – Pyllau House, Coytrahen, Bridgend – Demolish
- Mr John Anthony – Hare Grove Farm, Laleston – Convert existing barn to two dwellings.
- Mr David Godbeer – Manor Farm Cottage, Tyn-y-Cae Lane, Porthcawl – Proposed conservatory.
- Mr P Ghroum – 36 Bowham Avenue, Bridgend – Dormer extension providing bedroom space together with an en-suite facility (shower and WC).
- AGR Renewables Ltd – Ford Engine Plant, Waterton Industrial Estate – Change position of Fors logos on approved wind turbine (P/13/719/FUL).
- Mr Anthony Smith – 15/16 High Street, Ogmere Vale – Rear single and double storey flat roof extensions and two first floor flats.
- Mrs S R John – 84 Ewenny Road, Bridgend – First floor rear and loft extensions.
- Mr Petty – 52 Orchard Drive, Porthcawl – Replace and enlarge front porch.
- Mr Dylan Lewis – 8 Wern Fawr Road, Pencoe – Single store rear extension.
- Mr Owen Lavers – 4 Fountain Cottages, Aberkenfig – Two storey rear extension.
- Mr Gerri Morris – Former playground, Fountain Road, Aberkenfig – Erection of detached bungalow.
- Mr C P Davies – 1 Meadow Street, North Cornelly – Single storey rear

Charity horse ride helps heart foundation



A LOCAL hunt club headed for the beach last Sunday (September 14) to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation.

The Llangeinor Hunt Supporters Club organised a charity fun ride, with more than 90 horses and riders taking part.

The ride started at Ogmere Castle and headed through the dunes to Merthyr Mawr, via the Dipping Bridge, and back again.

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FIRST MINISTER CARRIES OUT CABINET RESHUFFLE

VALE AM Jane Hutt retained her post, and has been asked to take on extra responsibilities, in the Welsh Government after First Minister Carwyn Jones's surprise mini-reshuffle last week.

The headline maker was former education Minister, Leighton Andrews, who returned to the cabinet and will head a new public services department, looking at local government reorganisation.

Jane Hutt is now the Minister for Finance and Government Business, and said: "I am delighted to have been re-appointed as Finance Minister with the

additional responsibility of overseeing government business.

"Over the summer I have had the opportunity to explain to those who deliver and use our public services what our spending priorities are and hear what services they want to see delivered to meet their needs in the most challenging of times for our public finances, with the Welsh budget lower by 10 per cent in real terms than it was four years ago.

"With the forthcoming budget, the next few months will be an important step in addressing these challenges and realising our ambitions for a fairer, healthier and more prosperous Wales."

The new cabinet is: *First Minister* – Carwyn Jones; *Economy, Science and Transport* – Edwina Hart; *Health and Social Services* – Mark Drakeford; *Education and Skills* – Huw Lewis; *Finance and Government Business* – Jane Hutt; *Public Services* – Leighton Andrews; *Communities and Tackling Poverty* – Lesley Griffiths; *Natural Resources* – Carl Sargeant. *Deputy Ministers: Health* – Vaughan Gething; *Culture Sport and Tourism* – Ken Skates; *Farming and Food* – Rebecca Evans; *Skills and Technology* – Julie James; *Chief Whip* – Janice Gregory.

Astonishing turnaround at Highwayman... GEM had highlighted lost business during the Nato summit

THE Highwayman Inn, based on the outskirts of Rhosneear Cardiff Airport, enjoyed a remarkable change in its fortunes during the Nato summit following a story run in The GEM.

Early that week one of the popular pub's partners, Derek Gaynor had told The GEM that 'Joe Public' was staying at home because people were concerned the roads might be busy. By Tuesday, The Highwayman had lost around £1,700 in business.

Mr Gaynor claimed at the time: "The message that has been sent out to the public is 'don't go to the area because the Nato Summit is on and there is extra security'. It has been totally overplayed."

Mr Gaynor and the

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

Police and a letter of thanks from an inspector."

Mr Gaynor was also contacted by local MP Alun Cairns who was concerned that The Highwayman had lost business, and said it was an "unforeseen consequence" of the summit.

Mr Gaynor estimates a figure of around £2,000 in lost business – but it could have been a lot worse had it not been for The GEM's article.

Mr Cairns said he welcomed the news that the community came to the support of The Highwayman.

"It is fantastic news that the community came out to support the local pub the weekend after the Nato summit. At events of this size there will always be pockets of disruption, but I am delighted that Mr Gaynor had a better weekend following the event."

Y Course will tackle the big questions of life...

ARE you wondering about the big questions in life? What has reason to do with belief? Can my reason be an essential part of my life in understanding God?

Each of us as thinking human beings have real questions to ask and explore.

Before entering the Anglican ministry, I worked as a registered dietitian in the NHS. As a nutritionist, I was an applied scientist, which invigorated my Christian faith. It did not diminish

by **Canon DEREK BELCHER, Rector of Cowbridge**

it.

The Y course is a chance to explore life's big issues – the ones that usually start with the word, 'Why...?'

The course starts by asking if there is a God and the discussion moves from there. There is no initial level of faith required by the participants – just an interest in the fact that there may be more to this life than the routine we experience every day – however pleasurable or painful that may be.

The course starts on

Thursday evening at 7pm on October 2nd and runs for eight weekly sessions. Each session in Holy Cross Church is led by John Williams and Howard Perks.

We need to have an indication of the numbers likely to attend, since we would like each person to have access to a course book.

We would therefore be grateful if you would email Howard Perks on jhperks55@gmail.com or leave a message at the parish office 01446 772302 or

office@cowbridgeparish.com, simply to indicate your intention to join the course.

We welcome all thinking individuals to come along and participate in the course. There is no cost, as this is part of the work of the Benefice of Cowbridge in offering a chance for anyone to engage in an open discussion on the important issues of life.

A Harvest family guest service will be held on Sunday, October 5 at 11am in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge.

All gifts brought to the service will be handed to the homeless and the foodbank.

KPC helps charity

KPC Youth, next to Pil Primary School in Pyle, is hosting its annual coffee morning at the centre, in aid of Macmillan Cancer on September 25 from 9.15am – 10.45am.

Project manager Alison Mawby said: "We will be again joined by the fabulous Pil Primary School Choir at 9.30am for a few songs, followed by our usual 'fun bingo' and raffle."

Contact the centre on 01656 749219 or email: kpcyouth@hotmail.com.



Fitzalan High School

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YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

CORRECTION I WOULD like to apologise for an error in last week's edition in regard to the musical evening organised by Garw Community Council Chairman, Coun George Davies and his friends: the event is definitely tonight Thursday, September 18 at 7.30pm – not as published last week, September 11.

The evening at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor is being held to raise money to purchase new equipment for the glaucoma department at Princess of Wales hospital.

Performers include Bois Goetre-Hen a'r Cylch male choir under musical director Dale Evans and accompanist Bethan Edwards, Annuh Valentine (Lexy Richmond) and The Two of US (Cedric and Pat). Tickets £6 at the door.

Another event at the Richard Price is the community Christmas concert on December 17, when among those taking part is Garw Valley ladies choir.

It rehearses on Friday afternoons in the Old Age Pensioners' Centre, Oxford Street, Pontycymer, from 2pm to 3pm under its exuberant musical director Alec Brookes.

Asthma appeal MRS Kerry Jones, acting headteacher at Tynrhyl Primary School, Llangeinor is asking parents of pupils with asthma to visit the school and see their child's class teacher, to ensure asthma pumps kept at

the school are up to date; and their child's name is on a label attached to the pump.

Pupils have again been invited to enter Cardiff City football club's literacy programme. The lucky pupils in class three were given a tour of the stadium and took part in various activities at the ground last Thursday.

Choir concert OGMORE Valley Male Voice Choir is holding its annual concert at Canolfan Bethlehem Centre, Commercial Street, Ogmose Vale, which has full disabled access, on Saturday, September 27 at 7pm.

The choir will raise money in this concert for a local charity, which this year will be Tenovus cancer support.

Not only has soprano Rhiannon Evans agreed to take part, but baritone Andrew Mathews has also agreed to be a soloist.

Andrew originates from Swansea but now lives in Penmark and is married with two children.

Prior to 2014, he has won the baritone solo competition on five separate occasions in the Welsh National Eisteddfod. This year in the Welsh National Eisteddfod at Llanelli, not only did he win the baritone solo competition, but secured the coveted Blue Riband against winners of the other solo competitions.

Tickets cost £5, and can be obtained from any choir member or John on 01656 841429.

Dog waste appeal THE Wildlife Trust at Parc Slip nature reserve, Tondur, has recently installed a

waste bag dispenser in the car park, for owners to clear up dog waste.

The Trust regularly has parties of children from local schools which its members take around the reserve to show them the various forms of fauna and flora found on the reserve.

Dog mess could be a health hazard to the children. The public are asked to use bags provided and deposit waste in the bins provided around the reserve.

Festive preview

THE recent meeting of Mynydd Cynffig Women's Institute was opened by Marjorie Goode, the chairperson, who welcomed members after the summer break. The minutes of the previous meeting were read out by Enid Rymer the secretary, and agreed.

Activities listed in the Glamorgan Federation newsletter were discussed and the members decided which they would like to take part in. The arts and crafts interest group has been enlisted in the making of the Christmas tree decorations for the Christmas tree festival in Margam Park.

Members entering the Federation quiz organised the pick-up points for their transport. Marjorie informed members that February 2015 will be their 65th anniversary and suggested they celebrate with a meal.

Photographs taken by visitors from Glyn Hir WI who attended the Ascot Ladies Day event were handed around, along with a photograph of members taken at the

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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recent Margam coffee evening.

With the business completed, the guest speaker, Mr Don Llewellyn was welcomed.

He gave a very interesting talk on 'A life behind the camera', which was a trip down memory lane, showing slides of famous celebrities from both sides of the Atlantic.

The next meeting will be at the Talbot Centre, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill, on Tuesday, October 14, at 2.30pm. New members welcome.

Maesteg concert

THE choristers of Cór Merched Cwm Llynfi (Llynfi Valley ladies' choir) will be celebrating the choir's silver anniversary at its concert tomorrow evening at the town hall, Maesteg.

Along with BBC presenter Roy Noble as compere, it has Caerphilly Male Voice Choir and Welsh tenor Trystan Llyr Griffiths appearing on the stage.

Both choirs have been rehearsing their new repertoires under musical director Paul Deenik. Tickets are £8 at the door.

The rehearsal venue is the Celtic Club, Garth, Maesteg, every Wednesday at 7pm.

Macmillan Cancer Care

ON Friday, September 26, members of Central Church, Maesteg will hold a coffee morning at the church from 10am to 12 noon, to raise funds for the charity. Admission will be £2 and there will be a cake stall with home made produce.

Aberkenfig and District United Churches will be holding a coffee morning to support the charity at Nazareth Chapel, Bryncethin at 10.45am on the same day.

Grease triumph I HAD the pleasure of seeing the exuberant members of Currian Up Youth Theatre group performing in its musical show of Grease at Maesteg Town Hall. It was the first time I had seen a performance by these youngsters, and it certainly won't be the last!

The dancing and the quality of the singing was outstanding.

Everyone involved deserves the highest praise for putting on such a professional show.

Next year, the group will be celebrating its 15th anniversary; it will have difficulty in producing a better show than it did this year with Grease.

Tondu school

TONDU Primary School headteacher Mrs Susan Pilsher invites carers and friends of children in Mrs Lucas's class, Rhondda, to join the class assembly next Thursday, September 25 at 10.20am.

This year, the school is supporting Bridgend Foodbank in its harvest appeal and would appreciate donations within use-by dates, of tinned fruit, vegetables etc.

On September 23 as part of the walk to school week, Susan

hopes that all pupils will support the school's eco-committee by walking, riding a bike or coming on their scooters to school.

If children live too far away and carers have to bring them by car, they can be met at Aberkenfig car park to join the school's walking bus to the Meadow street building, at 8am for the breakfast club or 8.45am.

Each child who takes part will be given a raffle ticket, and the lucky recipient will receive a prize.

Aberkenfig WI meeting

ABERKENFIG & District WI president Eunice Williams opened the September 10 meeting, the first in its new venue the Len Evans Centre, and welcomed members, along with a visitor Gina, who came originally from Russia.

Happy Birthday was sung to Sally Jones and Barbara Morris and minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Glamorgan Federation newsletter was read and one item created interest with the members, namely the lunch and fashion show, which had been popular with members last year.

The Federation will be organising another lunch and fashion show

next year to celebrate the centenary of the Women's Institute.

The venue will be the Norton House Hotel in Mumbles, and Solo will be modelling fashions for the spring and summer.

These events will be held Monday to Friday, April 20 – 24 and Monday to Wednesday, April 27 – 29.

Further details will be available in October. There is also a trip to Birmingham NEC for the BBC Good Food Show on November 27.

Tickets cost £40 per person, and include travel, entry to the show as well as a ticket to the Super Theatre to see everyone's favourite Saturday Morning treat, James Martin! The coach will leave Swansea and pick up at Briton Ferry, Sarn, Cardiff West and Coryton in Cardiff.

There is a Health Day in Pencoed on September 27.

The speaker for October is Mrs Joyce James who will be telling members the history of names, which should be interesting.

New members and visitors are always made welcome; there is always a speaker or event taking place.

For further information, ring Dilys on 01656 725399 or go to www.cobwebs.co.uk

Sisters' half marathon challenge... in loving memory of little Rhianna Gallagher

THREE Cowbridge sisters are to run the Cardiff Half Marathon in memory of their four-year-old cousin who died earlier this year from a brain haemorrhage, writes TIM CHAPMAN.

Little Rhianna Gallagher died in Helen House, and Sophie Gallagher (19) and her sisters Rachael (21) and Niamh (17) are keen to raise money for the Oxford hospice.

On February 14, Rhianna suffered a haemorrhage and was rushed into the John Radcliffe Hospital. A week later the life support system was switched off because she was too badly brain damaged.

Her father Dominic said: "We all said our goodbyes – our eternal goodbyes. But no one

had asked Rhianna. She decided she was not ready to go and soon started breathing properly by herself.

"The next day she was transferred to Helen House – the Oxford hospice where she spent her last weeks."

Rhianna died on Easter Monday, was buried at Kennington Cemetery – and in Dominic's words "tended daily by a sad hand and watered by tears".

Sophie, Rachael and Niamh were devastated when Rhianna died and are still coming to terms with it.

They're taking part in the Cardiff Half Marathon on October 5 to boost funds for Helen House. They will be joined by their cousins from Pontadawe Jenny, Kate and Isla.

Sophie said: "In a situation like this you feel so helpless, and you want to do anything good that brings the family



The sisters Niamh, Rachael and Sophie.

together. It is a positive thing to do to support our family."

Rachael said: "We understand that money raised will go to renovations at Helen House."

Rachael recently did some running in Finland and admitted that the distance of 13.1 miles was daunting.

"The furthest I've run is about six miles, but there are still a couple of weeks of training left."

Sophie added: "I'm looking forward to the half marathon and have learned a lot about keeping fit. Niamh once ran a race – I think it was 1,000 metres – and said

she'd never run again!" But the sisters and their cousins will all be running for a great cause on Sunday, October 5.

Helen and Douglas House is a registered charity providing respite and end of life care for children and young adults with life-shortening conditions, as well as support and friendship for the family. The hospice houses are bright, positive places, where the emphasis is on living life to the full, even when that life may be short.

The Just Giving page for donations is: www.justgiving.com/Katie-Rickson11.

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Congratulations to Donna!

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Resort's record results boost Welsh economy

HENSOL'S Vale is celebrating its "most successful July ever", having enjoyed record occupancy and revenue – thanks to the summer's good weather.

This, along with the continuing legacy of Wales' involvement in the 2010 Ryder Cup, which put the country firmly on the map as a global golfing destination, attracted 2,500 golfers to the world-class resort. They

occupied nearly 1,000 golf bedrooms and contributed to the four-star venue's highest ever July income of some £105,555.

Spa breaks also boosted the Vale Resort's fortunes with 230 bookings, the highest number achieved in a single month.

Particularly encouraging for the Welsh economy was the news that the Vale Resort had won some 30 new business contracts this year for meetings and conferences, a return to pre-recession levels.

Vale man to head Mensa in Wales



GILES METCALF.

A DINAS POWYS man has been elected as the new regional officer for Mensa in Wales for the next two years.

Giles Metcalf was elected unopposed after the previous officer, Julian Tandy, from west Wales, stood down. His election was ratified at a meeting of Mensa members. Mr Metcalf has been a Mensa member for more than 20 years and has served on its board of directors.

Married with three children, he met his wife, Merry, at a weekend gathering in Manchester and proposed to her at a Mensa meeting in Newport!

Mr Metcalf grew up in Kent and worked as a research microbiologist for 10 years before switching to a career in IT. He now designs financial software for a company in Cardiff. His hobbies include making silver jewellery and gardening.

He said: "I am particularly pleased to be taking over during an important year for Mensa in Wales with the annual gathering being held in Cardiff this month – the first time for it to have been held in Wales for many years."

"One of my aims is to encourage more people to join Mensa, the organisation for people with high IQs (intelligence quotient)."

"It has been estimated that two per cent of the population could qualify for membership, so there's plenty of scope for more Vale residents to join us."

"Another aim as regional officer is to increase the number of get-togethers for members in different parts of Wales."

"We have started holding meetings in Penarth and Cowbridge, for example, and anyone interested in the group is welcome to come along."

"Anyone wanting more information about our meetings, or Mensa in general, can contact me on 029 21400098."

CHARITY FASHION SHOW

THE Second Hand Rose Fashion Show, in support of Touched by Cancer, will take place at Cornelly Community Centre on Friday, September 26 from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Admission £3.50. Call Lyn Smith for details on 07772 106619.

JESS WILL REWARD YOU WITH LOVE!

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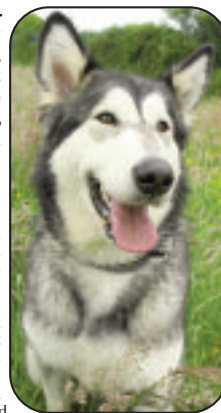
She is very playful, and loves her toys. Jess is worried around other dogs and animals, so we are looking for a special home for her, with quiet routes to walk where she wouldn't have to face these stresses.

She needs an active, experienced owner who has trained dogs before, and will be able to give her the exercise she needs.

Jess is house-trained and is good travelling in the car. She can live with older children. Jess will be a challenge for someone, but we will be on hand with advice on training and the love you will get in return is more than worth the work!

If you can offer Jess the home she deserves, please call us on 01656 725219, or pop into Dogs Trust Bridgend. We are open 12 – 4pm every day except Monday, and open late until 7.30pm on Wednesdays.

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(Supporter Relations Officer Dogs Trust Bridgend).



Ysgol Brynteg School



Headteacher David Jenkins and his staff invite you to

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ARE you helping to provide valuable services to rural communities? Do you give business support to help rural enterprises start up or grow? Are you training the farmers of the future?

Organisations and charities that are helping to protect and sustain Britain's farming and rural communities can apply for much-needed funding of up to £50,000 from The Prince's Countryside Fund, which opened online for grant applications on September 8.

The Prince's Countryside Fund, which strives to secure a sustainable future for the British countryside, is looking to invest up to £600,000 in worthwhile rural initiatives in this application round.

Since its inception in 2010, the charity has given £4.4 million in grants distributed to 105 projects across the country, directly benefitting 80,000 people.

The Fund has recently reviewed its funding criteria in order to provide improved clarity to the organisations applying of the variety of innovative projects in the countryside it will support.

Projects will be considered on their contribution to one of three key countryside issues:

1. **Thriving Rural Communities:** projects that provide innovative solutions to deliver assets and services that keep rural communities together and develop a more sustainable rural economy i.e. empowering communities to provide village services or create business hubs and employment for local people.

2. **Rural Livelihoods:** projects that focus on developing stronger, more sustainable farm and rural enterprises with the aim of halting the decline of the rural economy i.e. providing rural businesses with support and advice or supporting farmer led initiatives.

3. **Farmers of the Future:** projects that help

improve skills and increase opportunities of taking up rural careers, in particular in farming, with the aim of helping people to remain within and contribute to the rural economy i.e. training opportunities and apprenticeship schemes that inspire and enable new entrants to consider a career in farming.

Helen Aldis, Manager of The Prince's Countryside Fund, said: "We are looking for projects that will have a long term positive effect on rural communities and enterprise, helping the people who care for our countryside and make it tick."

"It is one of our most valuable national assets and this funding will give much needed support to the remarkable people working to sustain a vibrant rural economy."

"We have also redefined the criteria to help provide improved clarity to the organisations applying to the Fund of th

"We also hope this will further inspire creative initiatives, that tackle the Fund's objectives to help make a real difference to the rural economy and the people who care for our countryside, to apply."

Since 2010, The Prince's Countryside Fund has given grants to support 140 rural communities by improving service provision, 3,400 farm businesses through funding projects that work directly with farmers to improve efficiency and profitability and 880 rural enterprises through supporting innovative rural business projects: 4,380 young people have benefitted from projects offering training opportunities and 18,000 children educated in food and farming in a sustainable countryside.

To apply for funding from The Prince's Countryside Fund please complete the online application form at:

www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk.
The Prince's Countryside Fund is open for applications on until October 23 at 5pm. Any applications received after this time will not be

considered.

Example projects funded to date include:

WALES: Pub is the Hub is an advisory organisation which encourages rural licensees and communities to work together in support of local needs, bringing vital services such as a Post Office or village shop back into the community by using the pub to house them.

In rural areas of Wales, the lack of services can inflict serious social costs on communities.

A project funded by the Prince's Countryside Fund aims to identify 50 pubs to be developed into service and community hubs leading to better service provision and improved community cohesion.

"It is encouraging to see the difference a Pub is the Hub scheme can make in its local community. The rural pub is essential and by supporting it with shared services, they will support you," says John Longden of Pub is the Hub.

"Whilst it may be hard work serving both pints of milk and beer, as well as postal services, in its way it increases turnover and creates part-time jobs in the area, as well as assisting local suppliers and ensuring that the community retains its heart."

South West: Dave Knight is one of the farmers involved in the Exmoor Hill Farm Project managed by North Devon+. In his role as Chair, he recognises the value of bringing farmers together:

"With the global and local challenges facing farmers, we need to be open to new ideas and to change our farming to keep it profitable."

"That is not always easy but with the Network's peer support groups, they provide an honest forum within which new ideas can be demonstrated, assessed and applied to the Exmoor context."

Touched by Cancer cheques go to charity

THE Touched by Cancer charity was set up by Coun Megan Butcher (right) in 2010, to raise funds for organisations to support cancer sufferers and their families.



Over the last four years fundraising activities have taken place, but the main event has been the annual Hallowe'en Sponsored Walk at Kenfig National Nature Reserve.

On June 25, a special event was held at The Sandville, Ton Kenfig, when Coun Butcher distributed the £11,000 that was raised over the last year to The Sandville, Macmillan, Velindre and LATCH charities.

Since the launch in 2010, over £35,000 has been raised and shared out amongst the organisations.

This year's walk will take place on October 25 and sponsor forms are now available from The Community Hub, North Cornelly, on 01656 670812, or email tbc@caddi.org.

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WELSH IS IN HIGH DEMAND...

ALMOST 65 years after the establishment of the first Welsh medium school in Barry, the Welsh medium education sector in the Vale of Glamorgan is embarking on an exciting phase in its development. And

the driving force behind the changes is parental demand.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council was quick to recognise this sustained growth in demand from parents and responded positively by establishing two new primary schools in 2011 – Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg in Barry and Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant in Llantwit Major. In addition an extension was built to Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth to make it a double intake school, able to accommodate two classes for each year group.

These investments still did not offer sufficient places to meet demand and consequently Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant, in the Gibbonsdown area of Barry, is being doubled in size to become a 420 place school, with work scheduled to begin this autumn.

As a result of this substantial investment in Welsh medium education by the Vale Council, the Vale's can boast seven Welsh medium primary schools – Ysgolion St Baruc, St Curig, Gwaun y Nant and Nant Talwg in Barry, Lolo Morganwg in

Cowbridge, Dewi Sant in Llantwit Major and Pen-y-Garth in Penarth.

They have a total of over 1,650 pupils on their books. A further 834 pupils are educated at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, the Welsh medium comprehensive school in Barry, which was ranked fourth best secondary school in Wales in this year's Western Mail performance tables.*

"There is no better time to consider Welsh education for your family," according to Dr Dylan Jones, headteacher of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg. "Welsh medium

education is available to everyone and in fact the vast majority of pupils who attend Welsh medium schools come from English speaking families. My thanks go to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for recognising and responding positively to the demand for Welsh medium education locally. I think people over the last couple of decades have started to see the Welsh language as a benefit rather than a threat."

Iona Edwards, headteacher of Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth, Penarth, added, "Being bilingual has numerous advantages. Bilingual children generally learn further languages more easily and appreciate different backgrounds and cultures. Speaking Welsh is a skill that's in demand and has an increasingly important role in the workplace, especially in the service industry."

"The Welsh Government is committed to a bilingual Wales and the education sector has a leading role to play in helping to achieve that goal."

Welsh medium education in the Vale has an excellent track record in achieving high educational and extra-curricular standards.

Next week's GEM will contain a special feature outlining the exciting developments and initiatives in Welsh medium education locally.

As Iona Edwards says, "There's a warm welcome for everyone in Welsh medium education."

*source: The Real Schools Guide supplement of the Western Mail dated August 2, 2014.

Galw am y Gymraeg
BRON 65 mlynedd ar ôl sefydlu'r ysgol Gymraeg gyntaf yn Y Barri, mae'r sector addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg ym Mro Morgannwg ar drothwy cyfnod cyffrous yn ei hanes. A galw cyson oddi wrth rieni sydd wrth wraidd y datblygiadau.

Mi wnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg ragweld y twf cyson yn y galw ac ymatebodd yn gadarnhaol drwy agor dwy ysgol gynradd newydd yn 2011- Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg yn Y Barri ac Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant yn Llanilltud Fawr. Yn ogystal, adeiladwyd estyniad i Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth i'w gwneud yn ysgol mynediad dau ddosbarth, gyda dau ffrwd ar gyfer pob bwyddyn ysgol.

Ond nid oedd hyn yn ddigonol ac o ganlyniad

mae Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant yn ardal Gibbonsdown o'r Barri yn cael ei dyblu mewn maint i fod yn ysgol 420 lle. Cychwynnir ar y gwaith yn yr hydref eleni.

O ganlyniad i'r buddsoddiad sylweddol yn addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg gan Gyngor Bro Morgannwg, mae saith o ysgolion Cymraeg yn bodoli - Ysgolion St Baruc, St Curig, Gwaun y Nant a Nant Talwg yn Y Barri, Lolo Morganwg yn Y Bont-faen, Dewi Sant yn Llanilltud Fawr a Phen-y-Garth yn Mhenarth.

Gyda'i gilydd mae'n addysgu dros 1650 o blant. Mae 834 o ddysgibion ychwanegol yn derbyn addysg yn Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg yn Y Barri, gafodd ei rhestru yn y bedwaredd safle o'r ysgolion uwchradd gorau yng Nghymru yn nhablau perfformiad y Western Mail* eleni.

"Nid oes gwell amser i feddwl am addysg Gymraeg ar gyfer eich teulu chi," yn ôl Dr Dylan Jones, pennaeth Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg. "Mae addysg Gymraeg ar gael i bawb ac yn wir, mae'r rhan helaeth o blant sy'n mynychu ysgolion Cymraeg y sir yn dod o gartrefi di-Gymraeg. Hoffwn ddiohlo yn fawr i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am ymateb mor gadarnhaol i'r galw am addysg Gymraeg. Credaf fod pobl dros y degawdau diwethaf wedi dechrau gweld y Gymraeg fel

mantais yn hytrach na fel bygythiad."

Ychwanegodd Iona Edwards, pennaeth Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth, Penarth: "Mae gan ddwyieithrwydd nifer fawr o fanteision. Mae plant sy'n ddwyieithog yn ei chael yn haws ar y cyfan i ddysgu mwy o ieithoedd ac maent yn medru gwerthfawrogi gwahaniaethau mewn cefndiroedd a diwyllianau. Mae siarad Cymraeg yn sgil sydd ar i fyny ac sy'n bwysig o fewn y gweithle, yn enwedig o fewn y sector gwasanaethu.

"Mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn ymrwngedig i Gymru dwyieithog ac mae gan y sector addysg ran flaenllaw i chwarae i helpu gyrraedd y nod hwn."

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Fel y dywed Iona Edwards, "Mae addysg Gymraeg yn y Fro yn ffynnu ac ar i fyny. Byddwch yn ran ohono."

*ffynhonnell: The Real Schools Guide, Western Mail, Awst 2, 2014.

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A HISTORY LESSON/ OLRAIN YR HANES

1951 First meeting of the committee formed to establish Welsh education in Barry in Number 9, Park Road, Barry, home of Mr and Mrs Dan Evans.

1951 September – December. Ysgol Gymraeg Gwirfoddol Y Barri founded in Salem Vestry, Barry, with the salary of the teacher, Miss Elinor Williams (later Davies), paid for by parents.

1952 The Council adopts the school and Yr Ysgol Gymraeg Gwirfoddol moves to the two roomed Wesleyan Chapel vestry in Cadoston. 15 children attend.

1955 Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Ffransis founded in Barry, with 25 pupils. An annex called Coed yr Odyn was later added nearby for the infants, to accommodate increasing numbers.

1971 Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth opens under the headship of Howard Goodfellow. A Welsh unit had operated out of Cogan School prior to this.

1974 Ysgol Iau Sant Baruc founded for juniors, with Elwyn Richards as headmaster.

1975 Welsh unit is established at Ysgol Gynradd Y Bont-faen which becomes Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

1979 Ysgol Iolo Morganwg officially opens, under the headship of Glesni Whetton.

1991 With demand outstripping the places available, Ysgol St Ffransis has outgrown its premises and is merged with Ysgol Iau Sant Baruc. The new school, called Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, operates from its current site at St Paul's Avenue, Barry. It was headed up by Dilyn Griffith until his retirement in 2010, when Rhian Andrew was appointed head.

1991 Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig opens on the site of (Lower) Bryn Hafren Girls Comprehensive, with Eleri Hourahane as headteacher.

1996 Ysgol Gymraeg Newydd starts in temporary buildings on land at Ysgol Sant Curig and later (2000) becomes Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant.

2000 Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg founded, with 123 pupils and 11 staff, and Dr Dylan Jones as head.

2004 Iona Edwards takes over the headship of Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth from Peter Davies.

2001 Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant opens at its present site, with Glenna Griffith as headteacher until her retirement in 2010, when Rhydian Lloyd takes over.

2006 Headship of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig passes to Siân Owen upon Eleri Hourahan's retirement.

2011 Two new Welsh medium schools are opened. Llantwit Major gets its first Welsh school as Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant opens with Helen Jennings as acting head. In Barry, Ysgol Nant Talwg is opened on the site of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, with Menna Roberts as head. Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Ysgol Nant Talwg are managed federally, with the same senior management team and governing body.

2011 Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth is extended to become a double intake school (420 places).

2014 Rhian Williams takes over the headship of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Cowbridge from Dylan Evans, who becomes head of Ysgol y Dderwen, Carmarthen. Helen Jennings becomes the permanent headteacher at Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant.

2014 Plans approved to double the size of Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant due to increased demand for places. Ysgol Nant Talwg opens as a brand new purpose built primary school. Plans approved to build Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant as a brand new 210 place Welsh medium primary school as part of the Llantwit Learning Community to open in 2015.

• With thanks to Mrs Rachel Williams MBE (headteacher of Sant Ffransis from 1968-1988) and Mrs Eleri Hourahane MBE (headteacher of Sant Ffransis 1988-1991 and Sant Curig from 1991-2006) a Mrs Carys Whelehan.

Gyda diolch i chi am eich cymorth wrth olrain yr hanes – rhy bwysig i fynd yn anghof.

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Out and About with The GEM

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE IN YOUR AREA!

Vale AM's surgery

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on Friday (September 19) from 4pm – 5pm at Llantwit Major Heritage Centre, Town Hall.

Christmas lights

AT Athan Christmas Light Association is meeting at The Three Horseshoes, St Athan, Sunday, September 21 at 2pm.

The meeting is for anyone who would like to help or get involved.

More information from Alan Bourne, tel 07769 977207

Breastfeeding conference

TWO local mums will launch LATCH 2014 – Wales' first breastfeeding conference on Monday, September 22 from 10am – 2.30pm.

Hosted by Llantrisant Breastfeeding Support Group at Bethel Baptist Church, Pontyclun, Rhondda Cynon Taf, it is the brainchild of Claire and Suki.

Contact Suki (07967 332583) or Claire (07929 053857) for full information.

COFFEE AT THE CASTLE

FOR the first time, Fonmon Castle will be opening its gates in support of Macmillan for a coffee morning on Friday, September 26, between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

The event offers the chance to explore the beautiful walled gardens and enjoy a coffee and home-made cake in the castle's elegant Georgian interior.

There will be a raffle and the cost of entry, including coffee and cake, is £3 per person.

A family spokesperson said: "We look forward to welcoming you into this family home to help raise money for this worthwhile cause".

R.S.V.P. fonmon_castle@msn.com or telephone 01446 710206.

Ex-forces advice

HAVE you served in the Army, Navy or Air Force or a relative of someone who served in the national forces?

Age Connect Cardiff and Vale are holding an information session at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road Barry where you can chat to an independent adviser from SSAFA.

Advice will be available on Tuesday, September 23 (10am – 12 midday). Contact 01446 732385 for further information, or go along on the day.

Blind Week advice

IN line with National Blind Week, Age Connect Cardiff and Vale is holding an advice session at Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road Barry on September 23 from 10am to 12 noon. Contact 01446 732385.

Pamper day for Macmillan

THERE will be a Pamper Day for Macmillan Cancer Support on September 24 (10.30am – 4.30pm).

Julie at the Omore By Sea PO & Stores will be using Neal's Yard organic products and treatments include mini facials and hand massages. Products will be available to buy with profits to be donated to the charity.

Julie would like to thank all those who donated or bought items at her recent table sale which raised £500 for Macmillan.

"Come along and treat yourself while also helping all those living with cancer," she says.

Oldcastle PACT

OLDCASTLE PACT meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 24 at 6.30pm in Brynteg Lower School library, Heol Gam, Bridgend.

Fashion show

A fashion show by Samantha B is to be held at Holy Cross Church on September 25 at 7pm. Tickets £7, to include a glass of wine and nibbles.

Life drawing

FOLLOWING summer life drawing sessions, an autumn programme will take place in the Travellers' Gallery at Barry Town Railway Station on September 24 and October 22.

Full details contact 01446 730792, or Brian Power on 01446 407027 or 0781 609 8945.

Tax help for elderly

TaxHelp for Older People charity gives free professional help and advice to those with income tax queries or problems.

In addition to monthly surgeries held throughout the area there is also a telephone helpline. To book an appointment or to use the helpline,

Treasure Trove in Cowbridge

THIS Sunday, September 21, collectors, there are a number of items, for instance a Poole Pottery plate of the Red Arrows, created by Katren Brown, an excellent Poole designer.

A new furniture dealer will be there, and tribal art and clocks are also new to the show. There will be antiquated books, quality jewellery, works of art, Moorcroft and R Worcester ceramics and dealers, offering quality items. Some will buy from the public, and dealers.

Home-made cakes and refreshments will also be available. For the avid on sale.

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Dylan Thomas exhibition

ART Central, Barry is hosting 'The Art of Dylan Thomas' exhibition for the centennial of the poet's birth in Swansea on October 27, 1914.

It has been curated by Tony Curtis, Emeritus Professor of Poetry at the University of South Wales.

He will give a talk on 'Dylan Thomas and the Artists' at Art Central Gallery on September 18 at 7pm. The exhibition is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm, until October 4.

Ruth's message

ALL Saints' Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding two special services this month, focusing on the story of Ruth and what it teaches about faithfulness and loyalty.

Messy Church resumes after the summer break on September 21 at 4pm, with activities, celebration and a shared meal. Then on September 28 at 10am, the monthly family service will build on the same theme. All are welcome. For more information, visit allsaintspenarth.org.uk.

Cavatina recruits

CAVATINA Singers, Penarth are looking for new members! The four-part choir has a wide repertoire from madrigals to modern, contemporary music; they meet Tuesdays from 7.30pm – 9.30pm at Albert Road Primary School, Penarth.

An ability to read music is not compulsory. Contact Hon Secretary, Tom Dawkes by email at: Secretary@cavatinasingers.org.uk or phone 02920 512054. Further information at www.cavatinasingers.org.uk.

Forum celebration

RESIDENTS are invited to join the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum 10-year birthday celebration on Tuesday, September 30 at Barry Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA from 10am – 3pm.

There will be a Bon Marche fashion show at 11am (modelled by 50+ Forum members),

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D844.

● £2,000: 607626.
● The rollover, which now stands at £500 was not won this week.

● £10: 216285, 860393, 883214, 745705, 731586, 992420, 929245, 799344, 167409, 652430, 479687, 559921, 393874, 343177, 328293, 260340, 422801, 668862.

● £5: 444895, 661346, 607105, 391938, 516902, 412318, 759383, 706407, 786882, 349964, 730911, 395079, 411100.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Lord of the Flies... in dance

SIX schoolboys from Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan are to star in choreographer Matthew Bourne's *Lord of the Flies* at Wales Millennium Centre next month.

Mason Roderick and Harry Graham from Bridgend, Harly Videa from Maesteg, Lewis Scott from Porthcawl, novel.

Llewelyn Brown from Wick and Joshua Dance from Dinas Powys have been selected, along with 18 other boys from across south Wales to perform at Wales Millennium Centre (October 22-25).

They will perform alongside professional dancers from Matthew Bourne's New Adventures company the dance adaptation of William Golding's

followed by a big tea party from 12.30pm – 3pm with free cake, tea and coffee. Plus lots of information stands, choir, workshops and computer taster sessions. Free entry: all welcome.

Station display

A LAND, sea, air art exhibition by Margaret Brown is being held at the Travellers Café/Gallery on Platform 1 of Barry Railway Station until November 7 on weekdays from 7am-12 noon.

The Café/Gallery is run by the charity Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan with volunteer help from Vale of Glamorgan Artists.

Dance troupe's London date
DANCE troupe, Dance Angels, who rehearse at Hebron Hall, Dinas Powys, are set to perform at the Royal Albert Hall.

The troupe, who reached the live semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent in 2011, will be providing 60 dancers for a performance in April 2015.

"The group have started to be extremely excited and overwhelmed, yet nervous to perform to a crowd of thousands. The troupe recently won the Welsh street dance title and will commence intense training for the Royal Albert Hall," a spokeswoman said.

David Emanuel holding Macmillan coffee morning

ON Friday, September 26, Macmillan Cancer Support Ambassador David Emanuel is hosting his Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning at Gileston Manor, Gileston, CF62 4HX.

David told The GEM: "It is going to be a really big bash! We're holding it in the gardens and are looking forward to meeting everyone. I'm even hoping it may become an annual event."

Come and explore the beautiful gardens, have coffee and cake in the wonderful surroundings, win prizes in the raffle and tombola, while raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Gates open at 10am. Admission at gate is £5, car is parking available.

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House prices
WORK on the development of the former Llangan garden centre seems to be forging ahead.

I understand the houses will consist of four and five bedrooms and will be priced well above the average first time buyer. Will the same happen with the houses due to be built at Pentre Meyrick?

Llangan School

NOT much news this week as the school is taking a little time to settle after the long summer holidays, but last Saturday, September 13, the children were treated to a picnic which was held in the playground.



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As always the teaching staff and their helpers were there to make sure everything went along smoothly.

Concert

success
THE St Canna's concert by Matt Brind, the well-known musical director, which took place at St Canna's on September 10 was well attended by local residents and by those from further away.

To the rescue
A SINCERE thank you goes to a young

lady (not on a white horse, but in a 4x4) who came to my assistance when my car refused to move on a narrow steep hill at St Mary Hill.

My heroine, Ingrid Llewellyn, of the St Mary Hill Riding School, managed to start my car with jump leads and followed me to my home to make sure I was alright.

It was a problem with the alternator which was replaced by the local garage as, fortunately, it was still under guarantee.

'Crafternoon' helps raise funds for The Philippines



A BUSY 'crafternoon' in Ystradowen village hall proved to be a great success in raising funds for an island in the Philippines that was devastated by a typhoon last November.

The woman behind the fundraising drive is Hilary Carney, who saw the devastation on the island of Bantayan first hand over the New Year.

She organised the event with friends and ladies from Cowbridge, and from as far as Maesteg, came along.

The crafters went home with folded paper boxes, scrap wreaths, appliqué hearts, brooches, cupcake pincushions, and they also had an opportunity to try rag rugging.

Hilary told The GEM: "The

afternoon tea was enjoyed by all and lots of Welsh hand-made crafts were purchased.

"Lots of people helped to make the event a success, with members of Cowbridge Stitch & Bitch, Cutting Edge and Glamorgan Quilters forming a very hard-working team.

"Sorrento kindly lent us crockery, lots of friends baked cakes and made sandwiches, and husbands helped with the setting up for the day.

"The funds will be going to help some of the 80 per cent of fishermen whose boats were damaged in last November's typhoon.

"We are going to have a boat dedicated to the memory of our dear friend Pam Stead who sadly died on Friday. All the members of the three sewing clubs mentioned are really going to miss her".

ABOVE (left to right): Hilary Carney, Liz Price, Isobelle Davis, Clare Pullen, Helen Morgan, Monica Dennis, Fiona Ferguson, Caroline Neudegg, Salinder Gammage and Jackie Roberts were all involved in organising the day.

BELOW:

Learning a new crafting skill!



Business award for new Cowbridge shop

THE Pencil Case, the new school uniform and stationery shop on Eastgate in Cowbridge, has just scooped the award for 'Best New Start Up' at the South Wales Business Awards 2014!

Held at The Bear Hotel in Cowbridge on Friday, September 12, the awards were hosted by TV presenter Sara Edwards.

The founder of the South Wales Business Awards, Wesley Skene said, "Since 2008, the awards have been celebrating excellence in the Welsh business community.

"This year has been without doubt our most strongly contested and competitive awards. Our winners and nominees alike have shown that Wales is one of the leading nations for entrepreneurship and we must continue to champion this cause."



ABOVE: Sally Stephenson with her award.

The Pencil Case was developed by Colwinston mum-of-two Sally Stephenson. She started trading from home in January before opening the shop on Eastgate in Cowbridge at the end of March 2014.

Developed particularly with children and young people in mind, The Pencil Case stocks a wide range of colourful and contemporary stationery and gifts - from pocket money erasers to premium notebooks and pens -

alongside school uniform and dancewear for Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Y Bont Faen, Llangan and St David's C/W primary schools, The Vale School of Dance and The Moya Vahey School of Russian Classical Ballet.

Sally said "I am absolutely delighted to receive the 'Best New Start Up' award, and only five months after opening the shop!

"Having two children myself, I know parents just don't have time to go to all the way into Cardiff or to out-of-town shopping centres - they want somewhere local that stocks everything they need.

"The feedback from customers - both adults and children - since we opened has been amazing. They really appreciate the convenience of shopping locally and love the colourful stationery we stock!"

The Pencil Case is open Tuesday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm.

SOCIETY KEEPS HISTORY ALIVE!

THE Cowbridge History Society is about to begin another of its seasons of popular talks, mostly on the local history of south Wales but we also draw on a wider range of historical topics.

The Society meets every first Friday of the month in the Lesser Hall of Cowbridge Town Hall. This year our first talk (Friday, October 4 at 7.30pm) is on the 'Life Of Dylan Thomas, 1914-53' by the well known writer and broadcaster Phil Carradice.

Our programme

secretary, Dick Tonkin of Llanblethian, has assembled an attractive list of speakers and topics, including talks before Christmas on the history of the fishing industry in Wales and the Battle of St Fagans and the Second Civil War of the 17th century.

Talks usually last about 50 minutes, followed by a lively discussion between audience and speaker. There are convivial refreshments after the talks, helping to make it into a social occasion.

As part of its commemoration of the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, the society will be showing the film *Oh! What a*

Lovely War on Wednesday, November 12 in the Large Hall of Cowbridge Town Hall.

With the irreverent songs that the soldiers actually sang, this 1969 musical film was made by the late Richard Attenborough and is based on Joan Littlewood's production of the original play. It will be open to all members of the public as well as members. Tickets £4.

The society offers members an occasional newsletter and a charter day excursion to a place of historical interest with access to a good lunch. In addition, the society manages the Local History Study Room in Old Hall, which is open on Wednesday mornings.

This is a considerable resource for Cowbridge and the Vale; Betty Alden and her colleagues are always looking out for volunteers to help with its important work.

The society has now completed its purchase of digitization equipment in order to record and conserve better the centre's archive so the need for additional help will shortly become more pressing.

If you would like to help contact Betty on bettyalden1@gmail.com or 01446 773373. Annual membership of the society is £7.50, but single events can be attended for £1.50. Why not join us?

Dick Buswell
Chair, Cowbridge
History Society.

Missing years photo appeal

WITH regard to your published old school photo of Cowbridge High School for Girls, I can tell you that this would have been taken in the spring or summer term of 1971, as my year group entered the school in September 1971, and we are definitely NOT in evidence!

I think I recognise a couple of the girls from the year above us, though, who would have been in 1N and 1S at the time.

Sadly, none of my year that I know of has a group photo from our years at the High School, although some of us seem to remember one being taken at some point.

The school morphed into Cowbridge Comprehensive in September 1974, but even then, the only photo taken was our (in)famous sixth form photo, which many of us do have.

Would it be possible to ask GEM readers whether anyone has a High School photo from those missing years (September 1971 to July 1974) and whether it could be published in The GEM? It might make a lot of 50-something ladies very happy!
Jane Brookman, Cowbridge.

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Open Door day at east Vale churches ends with a recital and a peal of bells!

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THE east Vale group of churches, together with the chapels of Trehill and Croes-y-Parc, were open on Saturday, September 13, as part of the Cadw 'Open Door' initiative.

Father Martyn Davies and local schoolchildren started the day with a mass launch of 'Prayer in the Air' balloons from St Nicholas Church.

Hot dogs and coffee were available to fortify the people who later walked via the chapels to St Peter's Church at Peterston-super-Ely.

After a picnic lunch, the packed church hosted a superb vocal recital given by students of Lindsay Gray – including Charlie Price, a finalist in this year's 'National Young Chorister' competition, where he came fifth. A collection raised £465 for the charity 'Iraq in Crisis'.

While the walkers carried on towards Pendoylan, the entertainment at St Peter's continued with a handbell performance, followed by all the east Vale churches bells ringing out at 3pm.



ABOVE: The walkers, about to set off on their tour of local chapels.



ABOVE: Chorister Charlie Price.



The handbell ringers, led by Ian Pearson.



ABOVE: Father Martyn gave the vote of thanks.



Lindsay Gray with some of his students.



ABOVE: Waving the walkers on their way.



HOLLIE (6) AT GOLDEN THEME TEA WITH OLYMPIC OARSMAN

FOUR times Olympic gold medallist Sir Matthew Pinsent met children who suffered from cancer, including six-year-old local girl Hollie Evans from Bridgend, on September 10 at a golden themed tea arranged by charity Children with Cancer UK, in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (CCAM).

The gold ribbon is the symbol of CCAM worldwide and the event, which took place at the award-winning luxury hotel One Aldwych in central London,

featured golden eggs, blueberry brioche and playful flavoured candy floss, inspired by Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Sir Matthew Pinsent showed all of his four Olympic gold medals to the children, who were clearly thrilled.

Children who attended included seven year old Bethan Evans from Welshpool, who had Ewing's sarcoma aged five; Hollie Evans, who had leukaemia aged 14 months; and six-year-old Luke Everett from Camberley, who suffered from hepatoblastoma, a rare liver tumour, aged six months.

The hotel supported CCAM by illuminating gold on September 1 and have been raising



Hollie Evans holds one of Sir Matthew Pinsent's Olympic gold medals at the tea in London.

funds for Children with Cancer UK for the past two years. They have raised over £30,000 to date.

Childhood Cancer



Sister Poppy with mum Hayley, Sir Matthew Pinsent, dad Steve and six-year-old Hollie Evans.

Awareness Month is an awareness campaign which stretches worldwide and aims to raise awareness for all types of childhood cancer. Children with Cancer UK will be working throughout September to raise awareness of childhood cancer, the impact that a diagnosis can have and how our essential work helps young cancer patients and their families.

Thanks to investment in essential research more than three quarters of young cancer patients can be

successfully treated. But every day around six children and teenagers are diagnosed with cancer in the UK.

That's around 2,400 every year. Whilst survival rates have greatly improved over the past 50 years, thanks to charity-funded research and improved treatments, around 400 children and teenagers still lose their young lives to cancer every year.

Children with Cancer UK is the leading national children's charity

dedicated to the fight against childhood cancer. The charity funds life-saving research into the causes, prevention and treatment of childhood cancer and works to protect young lives through essential welfare and campaigning programmes.

To support CCAM and Children with Cancer UK, text **CHILD** to 81400 to give £3 (texts cost £3 plus std network rate) or visit childrenwithcancer.org.uk

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Join in – ask questions – enjoy!

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Clwb Calon Lan licence revoked after police call



Clwb Calon
Lan, Blaengarw.

POLICE called for the closure of the Clwb Calon Lan in Blaengarw, Bridgend at a council licensing hearing on August 14.

The premises lost its licence after officers listed a history of serious incidents, including violent crime and concerns regarding the public safety of children.

A hearing was conducted before a licensing committee in Bridgend and the result was a revocation of the premises' licence which closed it down.

Said Community Safety and Partnership Inspector Steve Jennings: "There was a consistent number of serious incidents directly related to the premises."

"There was responsibility for the management of Clwb Calon Lan to prevent these issues, which they have failed to do and our concern was the ineffective management that contributed to the situation."

"They have worked with us, but we

felt, ultimately, that we had no option left to us but to recommend that the premises lose its licence."

Inspector Jennings added: "Clearly, the closure will have an impact on the neighbourhood, but we hope it will improve the quality of life for everyone, including those residents who have suffered from noise and crime and disorder."

"We would, however, like to assure the community of Blaengarw that the problems relate to a small number of offenders."

South Wales Police are warning other premises in the locality that they will not hesitate to take similar action if similar problems arise.

Inspector Jennings confirmed: "Officers will continue to engage with licence holders to offer help and advice. However, we also hope that the community will continue to inform the police when they have any concerns surrounding activity or nuisance in their local pub. The sooner we are aware of potential issues, the sooner South Wales Police can help," he added.

POLICE MAKE APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

POLICE investigating an assault in Maesteg, are calling on the public to retrace their steps – in a bid to help find a man they want to speak to in connection with the incident.

The attack happened on Friday, August 15, on the Gills of Maesteg forecourt on Llwydard Road, Maesteg.

At around 8.45am the victim, a 48-year-old man, was at the garage when an argument is believed to have taken place with another man. During the incident, the motorist was allegedly head-butted to the face.

Anyone with information can contact South Wales Police on 101 quoting reference number 1400309295. Alternatively, the independent charity Crimestoppers can be contacted free and anonymously on 0800 555 111; or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information.

JUST THE (GOLDEN) TICKET!



Lewis Terrett, winner of the Roald Dahl book collection, pictured with his sister, Sasha.

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It was later announced that the lucky winner of the golden ticket draw was Lewis Terrett.

A new programme of monthly events is to be jointly offered by the Library Service and Love2Walk, starting with 'Rustle in the Leaves' on Saturday, September 27 at Bridgend Library.

There will be a fun craft activity between 1pm and 2pm, followed by a bear hunt-themed storytime walk from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Activities will be free of charge.

Stoptober's challenge

BRIDGEND County Borough Council, Halo Leisure and Public Health Wales are teaming up to promote Stoptober, a campaign which challenges smokers to quit for 28 days during October.

Public Health Wales has already held events across the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University (ABMU) Health Board region, with a 2.5 metre red Stop wheel being rolled 28 kilometres along Swansea's seafont to launch the campaign, and the travelling Stoptober roadshow which is now coming to Bridgend.

It will be stopping at the Bridgend Life Centre on September 25 between 12pm and 3pm, with representatives from Stop Smoking Wales and local public health staff on hand to give advice and support to

smokers who want to stop and take the Stoptober challenge.

The roadshow will include real life stories and encouragement from other participants, such as the local ABMU champion, Bridgend resident Elaine Nelsen, a former NHS employee and long-term smoker who has decided to kick the habit.

Elaine, of Cefn Glas, said: "I've been smoking for over 40 years and now I've got to the age where I'm thinking a lot more about my health and wellbeing. I've lost weight by eating healthier and being more active, so I feel that naturally this is the next step for me."

"I'm going to need all the help I can get and I think Stoptober is a great incentive to support people who want to quit but are not sure how to go about it."

'We need technical advice on fracking' SAYS REGIONAL AM

THE Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies, attended Frack-Free Llantrisant's event, 'A Question of Fracking' at the local leisure centre.

The 'question time' style event featured representatives from all political parties in Wales.

Mr Davies, a regional AM for South Wales Central, said: "There is widespread community upset at the thought of test drilling coming to Llantrisant."

"It is a well-organised campaign and they deserve high praise for their work and dedication in ensuring that the local community's fears are heard and, ultimately addressed."

"It is a fact that the first licence

approved for test drilling in Wales was granted by a Labour government in Westminster and it is incumbent on this Welsh Government to issue robust and clear guidance to local authorities on these matters."

Mr Davies also called on the Welsh Government to commission a piece of work by Natural Resources Wales to assess the impact of fracking on the environment: "The Welsh Government must commission work by Natural Resources Wales to ensure that communities and decision makers are all furnished with the most up to date technical advice."

"This would also empower local authorities who, when approving test drilling applications, have the opportunity to impose planning conditions."

Stagecoach students' 'outstanding' results



CHILDREN and teachers at Stagecoach Theatre Arts are celebrating exceptional results in LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) exams.

The students, aged six to 16, took an exam in 'Acting' or 'Speaking of Verse and Prose' with the youngest entering at 'preliminary level', while the oldest took 'Grade 6, Bronze medal'.

"The school is delighted to announce record results, as every single entrant was awarded the highest mark of a distinction! The children were assessed on performance, technique and knowledge, and received a certificate and written review from the external examiner," said Stagecoach principal Helene Reynolds.

"We offer LAMDA awards, in addition to our weekly drama, dance and singing classes. Students can choose to take a LAMDA award to gain a globally recognised qualification, with the higher grades gaining UCAS points for university entry."

Father Rowles does like to be beside seaside!

"IT is wonderful to be so close to the sea," said a delighted

Father Mark Rowles, newly-appointed Parish Priest of the Catholic parish of Our Lady & St Illtyd (Llantwit Major) with St Cadoc (Cowbridge).

Parishioners have warmly welcomed both Fr Mark and also his widowed father who is living with him.

Fr Mark was born and brought up in Ebbw Vale and after studying amenity horticulture and landscaping at Pershore, he began his training for the priesthood. Part of

his training was at St Kieran's College in a Kilkenny, Ireland where he stayed for five years, leaving in 1994 to be ordained a Deacon in Maesteg in June 1994.

He was ordained a Priest in Ebbw Vale in June 1995 and went on to serve in Ely, Merthyr, Bridgend, Rhondda, Upper Cynon Valley, Aberdare and Hirwaun.

With all the responsibilities he will be taking on as a roving priest of the Deanery, together with his work as Archdiocesan Master of Ceremonies, we hope that he will have time to relax and enjoy the sea on his doorstep! **RS**

LLANDOW FUN RIDE

Pictures by
**HEATHER
MARCH**



THE Glamorgan Hunt held a Fun Ride at Llandow recently, when 210 horses and ponies enjoyed a course through farmland and open countryside with a variety of optional jumps and various levels of difficulty.

It gave a chance for riders of all abilities to gain confidence and also to experience young horses.

Hunter Trials will be held at Alps Park, Wenvoe on October 5, when there will be a more structured course with classes at all levels (see website for details).



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Please take some time to look at our website at www.barrycomp.com, but nothing beats a visit, so please join us on the 25th September. We are also happy for you to make an appointment to come and meet us.



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LOCAL CHEF'S RECIPE WILL MAKE YOUR MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING SPECIAL!

Right; A special cake for a special charity.

WITH people around the Vale making plans to fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Support by holding coffee mornings, the charity is offering a little something in return.

Sam Pepper, the head chef at Oscars in Cowbridge, has provided his recipe for a delicious cake to make the coffee morning special – a butternut and lemon sponge cake with rose icing!

Here are Sam's step by step instructions:

For the sponge.

250g grated butternut squash.

2 large eggs.

125 ml vegetable oil.

150g caster sugar.

zest of half lemon.

225g self raising flour.

1 heaped teaspoon of baking powder.

For the icing.

300g cream cheese.

125g icing sugar.

juice from half the lemon.

1/2 tsp of rosewater.

Greased and lined loaf tin.

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees/gas 4.

Once you have grated the butternut, place in a tea towel, gather the corners and twist so as to squeeze the squash and remove some of the juice. There won't be much.

Put the eggs, oil, sugar and lemon zest in a bowl and beat until creamy, either by hand or (my advice) an electric blender or mixer. Then add the flour and baking powder, beat till well combined and then finally add in the butternut.

When all has been mixed, pour into the loaf tin and put in the oven on the middle shelf for 30 minutes. When the time is up check with a metal skewer or small knife that it's done.

The skewer should be clean when removed from the sponge and scalding hot for at least 10 seconds – but be careful not to burn yourself.

Let the cakes cool for 10 minutes in the tins, then remove them to a wire rack to go cold.



For the icing, combine the cheese, sugar, lemon juice and rosewater and blend till all the icing sugar is incorporated and smooth.

Carefully slice the loaf in half, parallel to the base. Use half the mix to sandwich the cakes together and the remainder to pour over the top.

Chill if the icing is a little runny.

SPECTRUM SINGERS' CHURCH CONCERT

SPECTRUM Singers will present a concert in St Lawrence Church, Fort Road, Lavernock on Saturday, September 27 at 6pm.

Tickets are £5 (to include a glass of wine) and can be obtained from Richardson's Health Shop, HiPlan, Gingers and Bojangles, or at the door.

St Lawrence will hold a harvest thanksgiving service on September 28 at 3pm. All enquiries to 029 20701303.



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Thousands enjoyed the wartime weekend



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They are available to order from wilcock60@aol.com or telephone 01446 774502.

THE recent Wartime Weekend in Barry proved a huge success with thousands of people descending on the town and Island to discover more about life during the world wars.

The icing on the cake was a stunning display by the Red Arrows who hurtled across the sky in perfect formation.



Llantrisant Probus Club



Club members on a recent visit to Penderyn Distillery

LLANTRISANT Probus Club meets every third Tuesday of the month, from 10.30am to 12 noon, at the Pontyclun Rugby Club and attracts reasonable attendance to enjoy fellowship and to hear speakers on a wide range of subjects.

On October 21, John Evans will speak about the Panama Canal, on November 18, Gavin Davies's subject will be 'Criminals of the 18th century' and on December 16, John Haskell will speak on 'Rowing the Atlantic'.

Newcomers are always welcome to join us in the comfortable surroundings of the club house.

YOUTH THEATRE SET FOR SMASH HIT FOLLOW-UP!



Some of the cast.

AFTER the resounding success of last year's *Les Miserables*, Stage Door 1 Youth Theatre are putting the finishing touches to their latest show, *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

One of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's most popular musicals, it tells the story of the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion, through the eyes of Judas.

Spokesman Michael Peters said: "Stage Door 1 has gone from strength-to-strength in the last few years, which is only emphasised by the talent

and commitment of the young people that we work with.

"We are incredibly proud of all their hard work and would like to remind them, once again, that they are truly phenomenal!"

"Through tears and laughter, you inspire and motivate us. For that, we are eternally grateful."

For tickets for this production which runs from October 3 - 5 at St Donat's Arts Centre, call 01446 799100 or visit www.stdonats.com.



ABOVE: *Jesus* - Kyle John (15) and *Judas* - Sebastian Lewis (16).

What a lovely bunch of carrots!



THIS bunch of carrots won first prize in the recent Wick Horticultural Society show for the funniest vegetable. It was grown by novice gardener Alun Morgan of Wick, at his first attempt!

WI has a 75th birthday party

DINAS POWYS WI celebrates its 75th anniversary this year with a number of events, the latest being a tea party.

President Beti Digby welcomed guests from the Glamorgan Federation of WIs, vice chairs Anne Davies and Anne Jones, Federation secretary June Humphry and WI advisor Marilyn Tucker.

Other guests included representatives from

Culverhouse Cross and Wenvoe WIs and past members.

Entertainment was provided by Penny Weedon Kerr on electronic keyboard and refreshments were served by the WI committee.

New members are welcome at WI meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys, at 7.30pm.

JD

Commemorating the centenary of the First World War WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Local church memorial recalls the sacrifice made during the Great War

DR JONATHAN HICKS
uncovers more
information regarding the
service of local men
during 1914-18.

FURTHER to my recent article in The GEM on the First World War memorial, previously situated in Trinity Street Church, Barry, I was contacted by Margaret White, a member of the congregation, who informed me that another memorial in the church lists additional Barry men who attended the church and who died as a result of The Great War. I am grateful for her assistance.

Private Norman Nicholas Daniel served with the 1/4th Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. He died in October 1914, aged 21, in an accident whilst training at Camp Scoverton, Fort Neyland in Pembrokeshire.

His battalion had been mobilised in August at the start of the war and he had been living at 'The Elms' in Harbour Road in Barry. Norman was originally from Cardigan, where his parents were still living, and it is probably for this reason that he does not appear on the Roll of Honour in Barry Memorial Hall. He was buried in Cardigan Cemetery.

Second Lieutenant Raymond Evans of the 9th Battalion of the South Wales Borderers (attached to the 4th Battalion) was killed in action on January 12, 1917 in Mesopotamia. The battalion report said: "On the evening of January 11, the 4th Bn. S.W.B. were sent up to dig a new trench 250 yards further forward. It was bright moonlight and the working parties were clearly visible to the Turks, who maintained a steady fire; but, to the Divisional Commander's great satisfaction, this did not prevent the 4th from having the trenches fit for occupation by morning, though the night cost the battalion a dozen casualties, including Second Lieutenant R Evans killed and Second Lieutenant Lewis wounded."

Raymond's parents lived in Gaen Street and he had attended the County School in Barry before studying for a degree in Science and Mining at University College, Cardiff. He subsequently worked as a mining engineer. Raymond was Barry's first King's Scout and he also played for Barry Rugby Club.

He is commemorated on three local church memorials: Trinity Street, Windsor Road United Reformed Church and All Saints – testament perhaps to the variety of religious beliefs in his family? Raymond now lies in Amara War Cemetery in Iraq.

Two brothers are remembered on this plaque – Archibald and Sidney Jenkins. Lance Corporal Sidney

Jenkins died of his wounds on April 28, 1917, aged 25. He had served with the 1st Battalion of the Honourable Artillery Company. After winning the John Cory Memorial Scholarship to Barry County School, Sidney gained a degree at University College, Cardiff and became a schoolmaster at Hippenholme Secondary School in Yorkshire and then the classics master at Friends' School, Saffron Walden in Essex.

He joined the army in August 1915 and arrived in France in December that year. He was wounded in April 1917 at Oppy and died four days later. Sidney had refused a commission in order to serve in the ranks and now lies buried in Etaples Military Cemetery in France.

His brother Archibald, aged 26, was a sailor aboard the SS Romford on 10 February 1918. His ship was on its way from Barry to Tunis and Bizerta when it struck a mine off Cape Carthage in the Mediterranean, laid by the German submarine UC-67 commanded by Karl Neumann. 28 of the crew were killed, including Archibald Jenkins. There were five other Barry men lost as well. Like so many sailors, Archie's body was never found.

James Hervey Jones died on December 14, 1916. A merchant seaman who was living at 11 Oxford Street in Barry, before the war he had been an engine fitter. Aged 38, he was killed when his ship the SS Russian was torpedoed and sunk by the UB-43, 210 miles east of Malta while on a voyage from Salonika to Newport in ballast.

There were 28 casualties. James is not listed on Barry's Roll of Honour in the Memorial Hall.

Lieutenant George More died on October 2, 1917 while serving with the 7th Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. The battalion, which was a cyclists battalion, remained in the UK throughout the war.

It moved to Berwick and Montrose in 1914, thence to Saltburn (1915), Seaton Carew (early 1917) and Middlesbrough from mid-1917 where it formed part of the Tees Garrison. George possibly died of illness while serving in the northeast.

If readers have any further information regarding these men I should be glad to hear from them via my website: www.jonathanhicks.co.uk.

Trinity Street Church also contains a wooden pulpit, originally located in Bethel Church in Court Road. This lists the names of 25 men of the congregation who served in The Great War and, in some cases, died – a sad echo of those dreadful events a century ago.

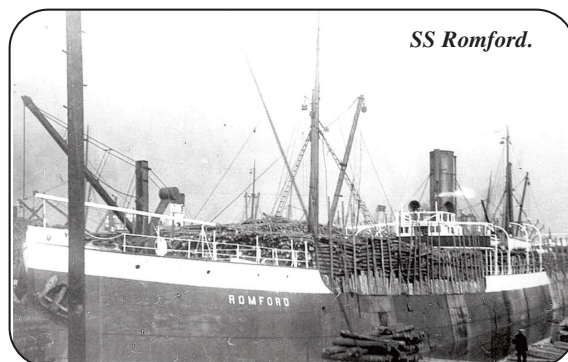
Dr Hicks's book 'Barry and the Great War' is available in local libraries.



Raymond Evans.



Archie Jenkins.



SS Romford.

RAF supports Nato summit



Students from 4SoFTT with the Merlin.

DURING the Nato summit MoD St Athan became home to an increased number of Service personnel brought in to support operations at the Celtic Manor Resort.

RAF personnel from RAF Benson, RAF Brize Norton, RAF Honington, RAF Northolt, RAF Odiham and members of

the Tactical Air Traffic Control provided air and ground security and support.

As well as the normal air traffic movements that St Athan generates there were also three Merlin helicopters and support personnel from 28 Squadron (28 Sqn) from RAF Benson, Oxfordshire working around the clock ready to lift the helicopters at a moment's notice if required.

MoD St Athan, home

to the RAF's Number 4 School of Technical Training (4SoTT), trains airmen and women in specialist ground trades in support of air power so the helicopters provided a welcome diversion to what was a very busy and not so ordinary week.

As RAF trainees from the school are at the beginning of their careers many had not had air experience in helicopters, something that 28 Squadron were happy to help with and none of their training flights took off empty. During the week all the students were given the opportunity to experience helicopter travel, many for the first time.

In addition, as a thank you to the support staff who had worked hard in supporting the MoD St Athan contribution to the Nato summit, a number of civil servants also got a once in a lifetime chance to fly in the

Merlins.

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One young man who got a closer look than he had expected was Cameron Millar whose Mum, Royal Air Force Chief Technician Lisa Millar, took him for a surprise visit to see the helicopters on the tarmac.

He was even more surprised when one of the Merlin crew offered to let him have a look inside the aircraft and let him sit in the cockpit. Lisa said: "Cameron

was so excited when he was asked if he would like to have a look around inside the helicopter. It isn't something you get to do every day and sitting at the controls was the highlight.

"He is certainly going to have something to say at school tomorrow and I think the smile on his face possibly says it all".

Over the week, MoD St Athan accommodated and catered for over 150 additional personnel working 24hrs around the clock.

Station Commander, Wing Commander Robert Balls, said: "While we are primarily a training establishment, the team at MoD St Athan has once again demonstrated their outstanding "can do" attitude, flexibility and professionalism through their significant contribution to the Defence effort in support of the Nato summit in Wales."

War group plan new projects

FOLLOWING their support for events commemorating the centenary of the start of the Great War, and co-organising the Barry Wartime Weekend, local history group 'Barry at War' are supporting the centenary of Belle Vue Park, Penarth.

"This winter, some of the team will be working on a project to research the role of the Royal Air Force on the ground during the Normandy campaign, and this will culminate with a field trip to

Normandy for Cadets of Barry's Air Training Corps Squadron, who regularly support our tiny museum," said spokesman Ade Pitman.

"We are also working on projects with the YMCA, and on the many armed conflicts that have affected the region since 1945, but will continue to support the region's Great War commemorations.

"We have started work on how we can support the commemoration of the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme, in July 2016, and we hope that we will be successful in locating a larger premises in which to create a suitable Great War

Commemoration Centre by then.

"We are also working on a suitable commemoration experience for the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) next March," Ade revealed.

The Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre holds its next Sunday open day on Sunday, October 12, displaying its collection of over 120 model Royal Air Force aircraft, as part of Royal Air Force Day.

Find out more by visiting the website at www.barryatwar.info, or call into museum at Barry Island Railway Station.

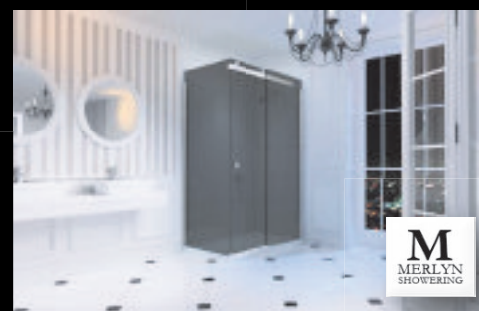
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Live a life of adventure *with Maria Leijerstam*

Double world record holder Maria Leijerstam really difficult and will manage? my eight-year-old from the Vale, founder of the Burn Series of multisport events and qualified personal trainer, inspires you with a weekly column on the simple family sporting adventures in the beautiful countryside of south Wales.

My first answer to this question is always that you, as the parent, are always best placed to make a judgement on the fitness and skill level of your off-spring and that's why we set no lower (or upper) age limit for the Mini Burn event.

THE entries are rolling in and so are the questions so here are a few more answers to your questions about Mini Burn Multisport Family event at Margam Park on October 11.

Is the Mountain Biking



way around the course.

There are no rules against getting off your bike and pushing it for sections of the course which the majority of our competitors do at some point. You will soon learn first hand why it's called the 'Burn Series'!

We've also have a short course option which is not so steep or long and is very manageable for all. About 25 per cent of competitors take on the short course. We've even had a five-year-old complete the long course.

What if I get lost? Are there people that can help?

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The orienteering section is relatively straight forward and we've added a twist. At one of the check points there will be a challenge that will only be disclosed a

week before the event.

There are plenty of other competitors and marshals around the course so you won't be out of sight from anyone for long. We have not lost a competitor yet!

How do I enter?

That's a very easy answer! Go to www.burnseries.co.uk, select 'Mini Burn - October, 11' on the right hand column and you'll see all details about the event, including past event maps and a button that says 'enter now'.

Can you briefly explain how the day works?

Hopefully you are ready for an adventure! Prior to the event you will be sent an online booklet explaining the whole event. You will also be given a start time.

You are asked to turn up 20 minutes prior to your start time. When you arrive, you will come to registration and collect your number and timing chip and place your bike and event kit into the event centre.

Five minutes before your start time, we will introduce you over the loudspeaker and give you a five-minute warning of your start time, at which point you will come to the start line. I will then provide every competitor with a quick run through of the event, focusing mainly on where the check points are.

When you are ready,

you then set off. The first phase is a three kilometre run on flat hard packed terrain. This will take you anything from 12-30 minutes.

The run finishes back at the event centre where you then jump into a kayak, with the help of our ground and water based staff and you paddle two loops of the Margam Park lake.

Once complete, you come back into the event centre and collect your bike to set off on the cycle. This takes anything from 30 - 90 minutes. You will choose at this point whether to do the long or short course of the mountain biking.

When you come back into the event centre, it's time for some orienteering. You come to the start arch where you will be handed a map and if you need some instruction we will help you out.

There are five check points, one of which is an additional challenge. Once you've found the check points you want to, you only need to find one as a minimum, you run over the finish line to receive the sought after Mini Burn medal and a goody bag. It's the most sporting fun you will ever have in one day!

It's not too late to set yourselves a family challenge, sign up at www.burnseries.co.uk.

CHURCH MARKS BUTTERFIELD BICENTENARY

ON Sunday, September 28 at 7.30pm, St Augustine's Church, Penarth, hosts a concert to celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of architect William Butterfield (1814-1900).

The concert, which includes choral and organ music by CHH Parry, Mendelssohn, Stanford and Elgar, will be performed by the St Augustine's Singers (directed by Robert Court) with organ virtuoso Thomas Trotter.

St Augustine's Church, acknowledged as one of Butterfield's masterpieces, is the perfect venue for this concert.

Built in 1866, the church houses an equally famous organ built by William Hill in 1895 and the music chosen is by composers, all of whom were

contemporary with Butterfield.

Thomas Trotter is a world-renowned concert organist and one of Britain's most widely admired musicians. He is Birmingham City organist, and resident organist at Symphony Hall.

He is also organist at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, and holds the prestigious Instrumentalist Award from the Royal Philharmonic Society as "one of the foremost exponents of the organist's art".

The St Augustine's Singers were formed by Robert Court in 1995, but was 'rested' during Robert's tenure as conductor of Cantemus Chamber Wales. They have recently been reformed to sing occasional special concerts at the church.

Tickets are available at the door, price £10 (concessions £8).

Cowbridge darts league round-up

ON Tuesday, September 9, the 2014 - 2015 season of the Cowbridge Darts League got underway.

Last season's champions, Llanharry Working Men's Club, started strongly by beating the Edmondres A 7-2. In this match Lee Davies (Llanharry) hit a 180 and Steve Simmonite (Edmondres A) hit a 132, 3-dart-out. Last year's runners-up, the Edmondres B defeated the Edmondres C 6-3. In the other matches the Hare and Hounds lost narrowly 4-5 to the Highwayman Inn while the Farmers Arms narrowly defeated the Old Post Ladies 4-3. In this match Amanda Hole (Old Post Ladies) hit a 87, 3-dart-out.

Present league standings, after one match, are: Llanharry (7 points), Edmondres B (6), Highwayman Inn (5), Farmers Arms and Hare and Hounds (4), Old Post Ladies and Edmondres C (3), Edmondres A (2).

Next week, Tuesday September 23, the Edmondres Arms and the Hare and Hounds will host the first rounds of the Fours: a four-player team knock-out competition.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk

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Charity horse ride helps heart foundation



A LOCAL hunt club headed for the beach last Sunday (September 14) to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation.

The Llangeinor Hunt Supporters Club organised a charity fun ride, with more than 90 horses and riders taking part.

The ride started at Ogmere Castle and headed through the dunes to Merthyr Mawr, via the Dipping Bridge, and back again.

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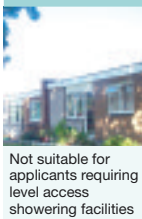
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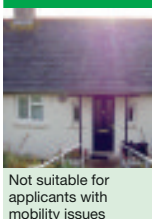
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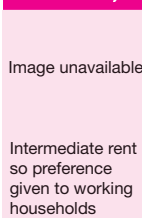
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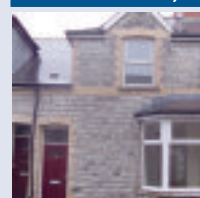
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Pencoed too strong for Cwmgors RFC!



ABOVE: Action from the Phoenix's encounter with Whitland

THIS Division 2 West Central league match between Pencoed and Cwmgors created history with the first ever meeting of the clubs at senior level.

With work improvements being carried out on the Parc-y-werin home of Cwmgors, the game took place at Y Maerdy overlooking the picturesque Amman Valley, with only the imposing wind farm any higher!

Pencoed flanker Rhys Watkins recovered a dangerous situation in the early moments, cleaning up under pressure deep in his own 22, before Pencoed came away with forwards Conner Jones and Paul McFarlane making inroads to take play into the home half.

Pencoed were beginning to create try scoring chances, and following good driving play from the pack, hooker Ieuan Watkins got the opening score after 18 minutes. Pencoed returned to the attack and driving play from Watkins and No 8 Gareth Prentice set up the platform where the controlled drive of the pack saw Prentice get the touchdown, Adam Williams adding the extras.

Finding themselves 0-12 down the home side began to mix it a little and this appeared to alter to some extent the pattern of the half and they hit back with a try from second row Liam Jones, and Pencoed led 5-12 at the break.

Cwmgors reduced the Pencoed lead when good handling from their threequarters worked full back Mike Hodges over wide out, and it was all to play for at 10-12. Soon afterwards young Pencoed scrum half Rhys Clarke made a crucial cover tackle to deny the home side.

Despite the close match scoreline Pencoed were becoming increasingly dominant at the scrummage, and with the home pack in

disarray at a scrum near their own line Pencoed replacement No9 Kyle Barrett took full advantage to dive in for Williams to extend the lead to 10-19 with the conversion.

In the dying moments the home side missed a penalty which would have given them a losing bonus point, and Pencoed ran out deserved winners. Conner Jones was chosen as Pencoed supporters man of the match.

On Saturday Pencoed meet Maesteg at the Old Parish ground, kick off 2.30pm.

Pencoed youth lost 19-38 in the cup to a strong Beddau side which included some Cardiff Blues development players.

Tries for Pencoed came from Liam Parrish (2) and Jay Owen, with Jacob Lloyd adding two conversions. Prominent for Pencoed were forwards Liam Parrish and Dan Watkins. On Saturday Pencoed youth meet Bridgend Sports away in the Ospreys League.

Pencoed Phoenix senior women, in only their second National Premiership match, took Pembrokeshire visitors Whitland all the way before going down 27-16 in the dying minutes.

For Phoenix full back Jade Mullen, returning from injury, got their try with scrum half Sam Trickey kicking three penalty goals and a conversion. On Sunday Pencoed Phoenix travel to meet Seven Sisters in the Premiership.

Junior Phoenix lost narrowly to a well established Cardiff Quins side by 14 points to 12, coming back from 14-0 down.

For Phoenix scrum half Kayleigh Powell scored with a 45 metres individual effort, converted by outside half Megan Whittaker, with promising 13 year old hooker Jade Thomas getting the second Phoenix try.

On Sunday Junior Phoenix take on Nelson. **TR**



ABOVE: Kyle Barratt emerges with the ball for a try, while BELOW: Rhys Clarke charges towards the try line.

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Bridgend's Cellan helps Wales squad win gold

School Games 2014 presentations: Megan Shackleton and Cellan Hall.



THE Welsh disability table tennis squad has returned from the Sainsbury's School Games 2014 in Manchester with an impressive haul of medals, including three golds.

Standing disability player Lawrence John (16, Swansea), learning disability player Ashley Wray (18, Llanelli) and wheelchair player Cellan Hall (16, Bridgend) won the team title in a thrilling fashion, while Wray and John also sealed individual gold and Hall took bronze.

Competing against seven other

teams from Scotland, Northern Ireland and five English regions, Wales were in third place going into the last match of the round-robin team competition.

However, they knew that victory against England North East, coupled with a win for South East against Midlands, would result in a three-way tie and give them a chance of taking gold on the countback process.

And that is exactly what happened as South East won 2-1, a scoreline matched by Wales against North East as John beat Alex Bland 3-0 (11-7, 11-1, 11-2) and Hall overcame Megan

Shackleton 3-0 (11-4, 11-2, 11-9). Wray's 3-1 defeat (11-8, 5-11, 13-15, 7-11) against Ben Robinson did not prevent Wales achieving the best record of the three teams and therefore taking top step on the podium.

Callan, a pupil at Brynteg Comprehensive who was attending his fifth School Games, said: "I'm just really proud of my team mates and coaches for everything they have done in order to get this gold."

"It's been a team effort and I'm very happy. Last year we got the silver, so it's brilliant to go one better."

Bridgend Sports under-9s win out in tough encounter

BRIDGEND SPORTS under-9s hosted Kenfig Hill at Newbridge Fields on Sunday morning.

The teams agreed to play three sessions of ten minutes. Kenfig Hill attacked from the start, running in a try from the halfway line after the Sports had attempted three tackles. The Sports youngsters struggled to settle into their defensive lines against the well drilled and organised Kenfig Hill team.

Eventually the Sports managed to pressure Kenfig Hill into a mistake with a dropped pass and from the scrum, Cian John went on a jinking run and linked with Tyrone Davies, who crossed to level the scores. The Sports tried to build on this with runs from Dylan Morgan, Reuben Thomas and Iestyn John. Their opponents were quick in defence and closed the attacks down, forcing the Sports to lose the ball in the tackle on several occasions.

Kenfig Hill snapped up any loose ball and then exploited some defensive gaps in the first six minutes of the game to take a 1-3 lead.

A try from the Sports came from a good run from Rhys Wilson with Tyrone Davies again in support to force his way over in the corner to make the score 2-3 before Kenfig Hill scored again.

The Sports responded with a try from Rhys Wilson to make the first period score 3-4 to Kenfig Hill.

The second period proved to be even more competitive; the away team scored first, followed by a try from the home team through Mackenzie Dent. The Sports began to find their stride and probed the Kenfig defence with one jinking run from Thomas Chick which led to him being taken to touch just

short of the try line.

From the restart the Blue and Blacks tried to move the ball but they soon began to feel the

tackle pressure and started to lose ball in the tackle following some strong tackling from home players Morgan and Tyrone Davies, with contributions from Callum Lewis. The Sports eventually managed to move the ball wide out to Thomas Coles who scored the second try.

Kenfig Hill responded with a try before the home team rounded off the second period with a try for Rhys Wilson following good passing and running with Ben King and Cian John involved.

The game entered the third period with the scores level at 6-6. The game followed the pattern of the previous two periods as Kenfig Hill scored first again, and Sports responded

with a trademark touch line sprint from Reuben Thomas who raced in at the corner.

With the Sports defence now much better with Dylan Morgan, and Callum Lewis in the thick of the tackling, well supported by Tyrone Davies and Thomas Coles, the game was constantly on a knife edge. With the further pressure the Sports were able to secure possession and Dylan Morgan set off on a brilliant run to beat several players to score the next try which was just reward for all his hard work.

From the restart, the away team showed their determination and competitive spirit to hit back immediately with a try. The Sports responded from the restart with Mackenzie Dent going on a run then changing direction to thwart the defence to score and put the home team in front. The final score of the

game came from Reuben Thomas, after Kenfig Hill were penalised deep in the Sports half for encroaching. Thomas Chick went on a jinking run, passing to Callum Lewis who linked with Reuben Thomas for him to score in the corner.

The under-9s had managed to win the game 10-8 against a tough Kenfig Hill team that fought until the final whistle. While the game was competitive it was played in excellent spirit. Both teams and clubs deserve to be commended.

The Sports travel to Maesteg this Sunday for a tournament. Training is every Wednesday at 6pm at Newbridge Fields; new players are very welcome to join in the fun environment where the emphasis is on skills and development for all.

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Scorpions - Sponsorship and new contracts signed

THE South Wales Scorpions have announced that Kingswood Shooting School, Bridgend owner Patrick Harpur has confirmed his associate sponsor status for Mike Grady's developing young Welsh side for another year.

Mr Harpur said: "I just want to see these young lads getting out on the pitch and playing this great game. I try and support the game in general in any way I can and I'm proud to continue my association with the club for 2015."

"The lads have done it tough this year, but they are all still in there fronting up every week. It's that kind of determination in these players that is helping to build a strong game of rugby league here in Wales, and we want to show our commitment to that cause as well."

South Wales Scorpions have given five of this year's under-19s squad first team contracts for 2015.

Paul Edwards, who has already

made his full Scorpions debut while on trial, is joined by Zak Williams, Ben Jones and Connor and Curtis Davies.

All five were part of the Wales team who won bronze in this year's Commonwealth Championships held in Glasgow where rugby league nines was an exhibition sport before the main games.

The Ystalyfera-born Davies twins have been great ambassadors for rugby league in Wales over the last six years having started out in the Champion Schools competition in 2008 with Welsh speaking school Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera.

In 2012 the 17-year olds featured in the first ever rugby league match to be entirely contested by Welsh speakers when they beat Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni in the Welsh Year 10 final, a game that doubled up as the UK semi-final from that age group that year.

Both have given a number of interviews for Welsh TV channel S4C over the years about rugby league and the progression of the sport in Wales.

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Birthdays

Look who's 18!

Happy 18th Birthday
Megan Warburton
19th September
Lots of Love Mum, Dad, Katie & all the family xxx

Happy 10th Birthday Ruby!
September 20
All our love on your big day
Dad, Karen & Leona xxx

Anniversaries

50th Wedding Anniversary
Heather and David O'Leary
on 19th September
Love Natasha, Bella, Ann, Fay, Glenn and the rest of the family & friends xxx

Family Notices

SMITH
Mavis Celia Roselle
(Nee Pembrey)
19.01.1929 - 11.09.2014
Beloved wife of the late Trevor, wonderful mother to her seven children, brilliant Nanny Mavis to all her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Lovely mother-in-law and sister to Peter, Colin and the late Gordon. Sadly passed away on Thursday, 11th September at Southmead Care Home. She will be sadly missed by all her family - love you always xxx
Funeral service at St Owain's Church, Ystradowen on Monday, 22nd September at 11am, followed by interment at The Limes Cemetery, Cowbridge. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB.

MAVIS SMITH

Passed away 11.09.14, will be greatly missed by her daughter Georgina and grandchildren, Nadine, Sadie, Geraint, Steffan and their children
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RHYBUDD O GADARNHAU
GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS
DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
(LLWYBR TROED CYHOEDDUS
RHIF 5 PENLLYN)
GORCHYMYN AILGYFEIRIO LLWYBR
CYHOEDDUS 2014



NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 5 PENLLYN)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2014

Ar 2 Medi 2014, cadarnhaodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod a wnaethpwyd o dan Adran 119 Ddeddf Prifffyrdd 1980.

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Daw'r Gorchymyn hwn i rym ar 18 Medi 2014. Serch hynny, os bydd unrhyw un sy'n tybio iddo gael cam o'i herwydd, yn dymuno holi ynghylch dilystrwydd y Gorchymyn, neu unrhyw ddarpariaeth ynddo, am y tyb nad yw o fewn pwerau'r Ddeddf uchod (ddiwgiedig), ynteu na chydymffurfioyd â'i gofynion neu'r rheoliadau a wnaed o dan y Ddeddf uchod (ddiwgiedig) wrth gadarnhau'r Gorchymyn, bydd hawl i'r unigolyn hwnnw wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys o dan baragraff 2 Atodiad 2 o'r Ddeddf drwy weithrediaid paragraff 5 Atodlen 6, cyn pen 6 wythnos ar ôl 18 Medi 2014.

Dyddiedig 18 Medi 2014

Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Datblygu, Swyddfeydd y Dociau, Heol yr Isffordd, Y Barri, CF63 4RT

On the 2nd day of September 2014 The Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under Section 119 of the Highways Act.

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This Order comes into force on the 18th September 2014, but if any person aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act, as amended, or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he/she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 18 September 2014 make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 18 September 2014

Director of Development Services, Docks Offices, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT

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GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS
DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
(LLWYBR TROED CYHOEDDUS RHIF
36 PENLLYN)
GORCHYMYN DILEU LLWYBR
CYHOEDDUS 2014



NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 36 PENLLYN)
PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2014

Ar 2 Medi 2014, cadarnhaodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod a wnaethpwyd o dan adran 118 o Ddeddf Prifffyrdd 1980.

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Dyddiedig 18 Medi 2014

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Dated this 18th day of September 2014

Director of Development Services, Docks Offices, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT

RHYBUDD O GADARNHAU
GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS
DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
(LLWYBRAU TROED CYHOEDDUS
RHIFAU 40, 41 A 42)
GORCHYMYN CREU LLWYBRAU
CYHOEDDUS 2014



NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NOS 40, 41 & 42)
PUBLIC PATH CREATION ORDER 2014

Ar 2 Medi 2014, cadarnhaodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod a wnaethpwyd o dan adran 26 o Ddeddf Prifffyrdd 1980.

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Dyddiedig 18 Medi 2014

Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Datblygu, Swyddfeydd y Dociau, Heol yr Isffordd, Y Barri, CF63 4RT

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Dated this 18 September 2014

Director of Development Services, Docks Offices, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT

Paul, Ruth and Ellie answer Wales' call-up!

MASTER Paul Jones and two of his students, Ruth and Ellie May, have been selected to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Championships in Edinburgh on November 15/16.

Master Paul has been chosen as one of the Welsh coaches and Ruth and Ellie will join a contingent of athletes from all over Wales to compete in this prestigious event, alongside most notably Olympic champion Jade Jones MBE.

This fantastic opportunity to represent their country is well deserved for all the hard work they have put in over the years and all are very excited to give it their best shot.

They were recently taken for a training seminar in Manchester, which was hosted by Paul Green (British coach) and Jade.

"It was great to meet up and train with Jade and for the girls to chat to not only their team mate, but someone they aspire to be like on the mat. Jade said she is excited and looking forward to the competition and thinks we have a good little team," Paul said.

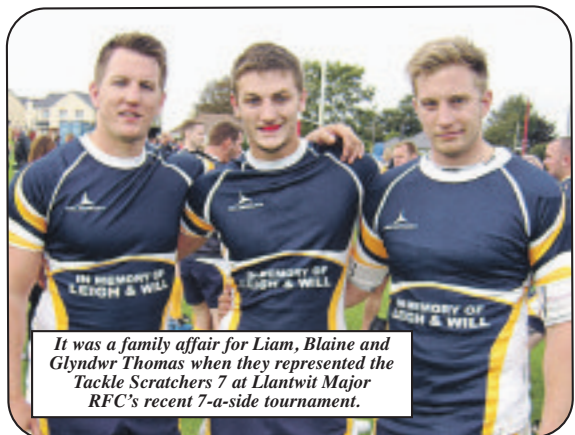
Jade was very personable and had time to chat to everyone who was there, sign autographs and have photos taken. She seemed very nice and down to earth and everyone had a great training session with her and Paul Green.

Paul, Ruth and Ellie are now looking for sponsors to help with the expenses of equipment, travel, hotels etc, for the competition.

If any company would like to support in any way then please contact 07966 171840 or email: mail@walestaekwondo.co.uk or mail@llantwitmajortaeekwondo.co.uk.

PJ

THANK YOU FOR TOURNAMENT!



It was a family affair for Liam, Blaine and Glyndwr Thomas when they represented the Tackle Scratchers 7 at Llantwit Major RFC's recent 7-a-side tournament.

I would just like to thank Llantwit Major Rugby Club for hosting the 7-a-side rugby tournament in August.

In particular, I'd like to thank Jotham Francis for getting our team together - the Tackle Scratchers 7 - who played in memory of Will Rimmer and Leigh Hopkins.

Everyone had a fabulous day, and it was extra special as my three sons, Liam, Blaine and Glyndwr Thomas, played in the same team (pictured above)! It was a very proud moment for their Dad and I.

Thanks for the wonderful memories and hopefully look forward to a similar event next year!

Jayne Thomas, Llantwit Major

Llantwit Major under-8s earn their first victory!

ON Sunday Llanwit Major under-8s played Llandaff at home.

The team was: Ieuan Harrison, Rocco Thompson, Abbie Cutting, Alice Johnson, Keaton Cooke, Jack Robson, Adam Banks, Reuben Hickman (captain), Iestyn Bird, Tom Hamlett, Connor Hughson and Kaiden Baugh.

To keep everyone nice and warm, we played two matches. In both matches the defending from each team was fantastic, the tagging was so fast that the ball was turned over a number of times.

Llantwit's line was brilliant, everyone was spaced out, and this

resulted in the ball being passed down the line to Kaiden for him to take Llandaff by surprise and score the best try of the match.

This was brilliant team work from all the players, and some nimble foot work from Kaiden. Llantwit finished the first match with a draw, 2-2.

After some much needed water, and a brief team chat, the team were eager to get back on the pitch for the next match.

This was another close game; with one minute until full time it was level at 4-4.

When Llandaff dropped the ball, Reuben grabbed it and left most of the players standing (including our own) to score his first try of the season, which also made

it our first win of the season, 5-4.

The team gave out three awards: Best defender was Iestyn, who managed to get 11 tags, top try scorer was Kaiden, and man of the match was Kaiden again. He was chosen for man of the match, not only for try scoring and his nimble footwork, but also for being fully involved in the game, and getting nine tags. Try scorers were, Reuben, Keaton (three) and Kaiden (three).

Well done team on our win, and we are now looking forward to playing at the Sinclair Direct tournament on Sunday.

AH

Barry and District LDS Skittle League results

1st Division: Coppers (J Ward, D Nesbitt, J Hartnell 32) - 335. SV Gals (J Richards 33) - 289; Barry Stars (S Phillips, W Phillips 31) - 331; Castaways (J Tobin 28) - 259; Pila Palas (S Bennett 33) - 302; Family Affair (L Brown 30) - 270; Family & Friends (J Kirby 28) - 229; Allsorts (S Tierney 37) - 318; Colcot Lds (S Howcraft, S Rees, K Taylor 26) - 236; Red Admiral (S Hayes 34) - 319; Space Finders (J Snooks 270 - 252; Cigar Ads (J Price 33) - 322; Baker's Dz (M Western 26) - 240; Special Angels (T Jones, I Abram 27) - 227.

2nd Division: Roller Costers (S Spry 23) - 196; Witchill Widows (S Murray 36) - 337; Divas (A Bird 24) - 185; SV Lights (D Thomas 31) - 300; Rhoeuse Starlights (K Bryan 29) - 271; Strikers (L Goodwin 27) - 235; Vixens (G Turner 33) - 329; Bobby's Girls (L Evans 26) - 214; Cad Con Fillies (A Harthy 30) - 264; Chickies (L Hassan 24) - 238.

3rd Division: Jolly Dollies (K Taylor 29) - 230; Airways Angels (M Carpenter 24) - 228; Westenders Hill (C Gee 27) - 242; Billies (C Whyman 33) - 281; Dolly Mixtures (L Marsh 25) - 226; Persuaders (K Kemp 24) - 206; Friends & Neighbours (E Western 26) - 254; Rhoeuse Ravers (J Lott 23) - 206; Rugby Triers (K Britton 24) - 211; SV Lds (G Davey 27) - 266; Lil's Devils (L Bansher 31) - 288; Etcetera (R Dyke, J Barton 23) - 200; Makers (C Rowles 27) - 194; Witchill Wanderers (V Kerslake 25) - 202.

4th Division: Twilights (A Campbell, M Jenkins, P Govier 22) - 211; BFFS (C Rees 25) - 226; Fallen Angels (R Gadd 29) - 285; Odd Bods (K Dutton 23) - 169; LA Belles (N Cordy 27) - 251; Boozy Birds (N Saliba 30) - 269.

5th Division: Hell Raisers (S Norris 25) - 192; Socialites (K Glover 24) - 235; Nite Outers (T Harthy 27) - 224; Guardian Angels (D Ling 29) - 231.

Doorstep sport project launched

A 'DOORSTEP' sport project has started in the Barry area, aiming to get more young people, more active, more often in their own communities.

The project, run by the Vale Council's Sports Development team in partnership with Barry Communities First, provides activity "on the doorstep" for young people aged eight to 18 who are generally not members of sports clubs but want to take part in sport.

A number of other partners are also involved in the project including Vale Volunteer Bureau, Elm Elevate and Newydd.

Funded by Sport Wales, many activities have already started. At Iolo Park, Treharne, on Mondays, activities run from 4.30pm to 5.15pm for eight to 11-years-olds and from 5.30pm to

6.15pm for 12 and overs. Thursdays at Belvedere Crescent, Nr Thompson Street: futsal from 4.30pm to 5.30pm and multi-sports between 5.30pm - 6.30pm, and on Fridays at Alexander Gardens, sports activities run from 4.30pm to 5.30pm for children aged 10 and above.

Sessions are led by qualified leaders with assistance from volunteers recruited with the assistance of the Vale Volunteer Bureau. Further sessions are planned to take place indoors during the autumn.

Any young people interested in attending sessions can just turn up and all sessions are currently free of charge.

Anyone requiring further information can contact Rachel Shepherd from the Vale Council Sports Development team on 07730 749485.

Famous riders from the Vale EVAN WILLIAMS

ONE of the most successful National Hunt jockeys of his time was Evan Williams, who hailed from Cowbridge.

The son of Fred Williams, the popular starter at Cardiff's Ely Racecourse and mine host of the Bear Hotel, Evan won two Cheltenham Gold Cups and a Grand National.

He also set an unusual record of sorts when at Cardiff on Easter Monday 1933 he rode the first winner *Mr Ghandi*, as an amateur and the last, *Vive L'Amour*, as a professional.

Evan was attached to fellow Welshman Owen Anthony's Letcombe Basset yard when he was asked to ride the legendary *Golden Miller* in the 1936 Cheltenham Gold Cup. *Golden Miller*, who had won the last four runnings of the race had ran out with his regular rider, Gerry Wilson, in the saddle at Newbury less than three weeks before the 1936 renewal, so it must have caused the then little-known Welshman a great deal of stress getting up in public for the first time on the most popular steeplechaser of all time.

But Evan, showing great horsemanship, as well as jockeyship, steered the mighty 'Miller' home to a 12-lengths win over *Royal Mail*, the horse on whom Evan was to win the 1937 Grand National.

Evan's second Cheltenham Gold Cup win came in 1940 when he scored an easy 10-length win on *Roman Hackle* who, like *Golden Miller*, was owned by Miss Dorothy Paget and trained by Owen Anthony.

In the 1937 Grand National, Evan (then 24) had taken the lead a lot

sooner than he wanted to so as to keep clear of some loose horses. In fact, on the second circuit he had nearly been brought down by a loose horse.

However, by racing ahead of the others he left them to trouble his pursuers and this wise move probably won him the race.

When asked by the press what he thought about his success he replied: "What can I say? I have won the Grand National, and I am naturally delighted."

"Give the credit to the horse. He jumped perfectly and cleverly. He made one or two mistakes, but they were not entirely his fault. When I took up the running in the country the second time, some loose horses interfered with *Royal Mail* and it was not long before we could shake them off. After that, everything went smoothly."

At the end of the war, Evan took out a flat trainers' licence and trained at Kingsclere. His most notable success was *Supreme Court*, which won, among other races, the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Festival of Britain King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot.

He bred *Taxidermist*, the 1958 winner of the Whitbread Gold Cup, while his son Ian bred *Rag Trade*, winner of the 1976 Grand National.

When he retired, Evan went to Ireland where he was a Master of Foxhounds. Born in 1912, he died aged 89 in July 2001.

*Adapted from Brian Lee's *Welsh Steeplechase Jockeys*, Cwmnedd Press, Neath, 1993*

BRIAN LEE

Mini Bombers work hard to adapt to new rulings

ON Sunday, September 14, Barry RFC under-10s travelled to Rhiwbina for their first game of the new season.

With the introduction of the breakdown area being the major change from last year, the Mini Bombers will have to compete at rucks and become more physical in the tackle.

In the first of two games, early possession was shared with defences coming out on top. The pick of the Barry tacklers was Evan Prosser, who put in numerous big hits and was relishing the challenge of the Rhiwbina forwards.

Rhiwbina opened the scoring with a brace of tries but two clear breaks from Barry's Andrew Szuchnik levelled the score at 2-2.

Rhiwbina's third try was again answered with an individual effort from Szuchnik to make the halftime score 15-15.

The second half opened with a Rhiwbina try after a series of penalties against the Mini Bombers for high tackles. Penalties were to be the undoing of Barry as the high tackle count grew and Rhiwbina made the most of the ball, scoring a further two tries and collecting a penalty try.

The Mini Bombers toiled until the final whistle and were rewarded when a turn of speed from the speedy Flynn Baker resulted in a deserved five point score.

Even though the final scoreline read 40-20, Barry had gifted Rhiwbina the second half through poor discipline and needed to address this if the second game was to be a tighter contest.

After a chat from the coaches, game two started far more promisingly for the Bombers with two tries from Cian Murphy, one of which was a dazzling run from his own half to touch down with no Rhiwbina player near him.

Prosser's defence was once again ferocious, knocking back Rhiwbina ball carriers and regaining his feet to compete and turn over ruck ball for Barry time after time.

As Barry looked to use

the ball an unfortunate dropped pass in midfield allowed Rhiwbina to half the deficit, but another solo effort from Andrew Szuchnik saw Barry enter half-time with a 15-5 lead.

The hosts wasted no time at the restart and scored from their first play to bring the game to within one score, and poor technique in the tackle by Barry once again presented Rhiwbina with a string of penalties that resulted in them levelling the scores.

The Mini Bombers showed great character and a break from Jaydn Rowley saw Barry take a 20-15 lead with just minutes remaining. It looked like they were going to leave with a win.

However, Rhiwbina were not finished and some slick handling across their backline saw a stretched Barry defence run out of tacklers and the game was to finish 20-20, a fair result with both teams contributing to a fine game.

The Mini Bombers can be very proud of their approach and attitude which resulted in two good games of rugby, and some work on the tackle area will surely see this group of players gain positive results.

The team would like to thank *Jungle Jacks play centre* for the sponsorship which has provided this year's kit.

CP

Athletic finish with loss

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic played their final home game of the season against Pontymister; they were asked to bowl first and bowled out Pontymister for 212 with Peter Hellyar taking 5 for 29, Paul Murphy 2 for 28 and Billy Usswald 2 for 36, the highlights of the bowling for Barry.

Barry's reply was not good as they were bowled out for 120, with David Goodway 25, Steve Jones 18, Peter Hellyar 14 (including a towering straight six off Salman) and captain Gee with 14 not out.

Barry finished in mid table. The Second XI travelled to Pontymister with a scratch side and bowled out Pontymister for 198 after they had been 138 for 0, captain Ashley Baker taking 3 for 48; in reply Barry got 201 for 4, with Reji 50, Lee Morgan 42 not out and Ashley Baker 35 not out.

This Saturday, Barry Athletic Cricket Club have their presentation evening at the clubhouse from 8.30pm.

The AGM will then be held at the same venue on Friday, September 26, from 7.30pm and all players and members are asked to attend as 2015 is a big year with the club celebrating its 125th anniversary.

MR

Ploughing championship draws crowds to Marcross

ON Sunday, September 14 the Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society held its Ploughing Match at Tyn y Caeau Farm, Marcross by

permission of Mr J Evans and family.

There were 47 tractors taking part, proving that the support for ploughing matches is growing throughout the Principality. See next week's GEM for a full report on the event.

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

OTHER PICTURES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THIS EVENT.

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LLANTWIT RFC RUGBY ROUND-UP

LLANTWIT MAJOR
AmmoKnights travelled to Llandaff and both teams provided the early morning dog walkers with a match resembling a season-ending Barbarians outing.

With illness and injury taking its toll on the squad the Ammo Knights only had 13 fit players to play and had to borrow two of their gracious hosts. With tries being run in from all distances it was a shame to separate the teams and unfortunately for the AmmoKnights it was the kicking accuracy at conversion time that made the difference.

The AmmoKnights signalled their intent within two minutes when superb ball handling and direct attacking play saw prop Pete Mitchell cross for the first try. With fly half Ethan White slotting the conversion Llantwit Major were 7-0 up and playing well. Llandaff soon started to impose their own running game and as they spread the ball wide they found space out wide and their winger scampered through to score close to the posts - 7-7 and game on.

A minute later Llandaff exploited the same weakness as the AmmoKnights failed to cover the gaps and within three minutes Llandaff had accumulated 12 points. Llantwit Major dusted themselves off, and looked to get back on level terms and good back play released wing Leighton Pawsey to score his first try for the club.

Anything Llandaff could do Llantwit felt they could emulate and following the kick, Ethan White went on a penetrating run to release flanker Morgan Jenkins who crossed in the corner, making it 19-12 to the visitors. Llandaff had the last word of the half when following some messy play in the bottom corner, Llandaff managed to capitalise on a Llantwit mistake to score and draw level, the score 19-19 at halftime.

Llantwit Major started the second half strong, with Pete Mitchell scoring following a powerful run that saw him burst through several tackles and sprint home from the 22 yard line to score; 24-19 to Llantwit.

A strong period of Llandaff possession saw them score 19 unanswered points with three tries being scored in eight second half minutes. The hosts, 36-22 in the lead, must have thought the game was won, but the AmmoKnights had different ideas.

Zac Williams, still a relative newcomer to the team, found himself in a slither of space and darted through to score in the corner.

With the deficit now nine points Llantwit Major launched another attack from their own half. Good support play saw Cian Davies collect a pass on the wing and he darted to the chalk to bring the gap to 36-32. Both teams threw caution to the wind in their attempts to ensure the victory and the game ended with a Llandaff attack being thwarted metres from the line.

A good game for the spectators, with both teams keeping the ball in hand and looking to play attacking rugby. Llantwit Major now play their first home game of the season on Friday (September 19) against Old Penarthians at the Recreation Ground, 6pm kick off.

MR
Sunday saw Llantwit Major under-10s play host to Llandaff.

Llandaff are a strong team and Llantwit were kept on their toes throughout the match. Llantwit were first to score in the match, which made them determined to keep the lead. Llandaff however had other ideas, and kicked off their scoring only minutes later.

Fantastic tackling by Tom, Olly and Dylan M, helped stop some great Llandaff runs. Sam H and Logan were chasing and tackling everything. Caleb's excellent clearing out of the ruck area enabled Owen to get the ball

out to Sam A and Rhys G who made some great runs.

Llantwit lead throughout the match, but as the final whistle was getting closer, Llandaff were throwing everything at Llantwit, and it took some great defence from Llantwit to keep Llandaff away from that try line. Final score 38-35 to Llantwit, a nail-biting match to the final whistle!

Try scorers: Sam A (2), Rhys G, Sam H, Caleb, and Dylan M; conversions: Rhys G, Sam H, Sam A, and Josh. Man of the match: Logan Pike

Squad: Logan Pike, Tom Roberts, Sam Harry, Iwan Thomas, Owen Hill, Dylan Morgan, Caleb Beare, Rhys Greenaway, Aneurin Price, Rhys Davies, Olly Williams, Will Sganace, Sam Alexander, Will Harrison-Watt, Josh Wakeham, Corey Lougher, Cristian Parry, Gabriel Lilford and Dylan Wright.

SR
An excellent turn out of players from the under-9s as Llandaff were welcomed to the club for a home match.

Due to the amount of players on both teams we agreed to play four 10 minute matches. The sun was out putting all the boys in a good mood ready for a morning of rugby.

The players for the first match were James, Corey, Brandon, Lewys, Thomas G, Flynn, Braydan, Carwyn, Marcus and Dafydd; all players played excellent rugby, they were offloading the ball as well as defending when needed and this match was very close, resulting in a 2-2 draw with Corey scoring both tries.

The players for the second match were Corey, Brandon, Braydan, Kian, Tom J, Kelyn, Luca, Thomas L, Kristian and Calvin. Again the boys played outstandingly, really enjoying the rugby with excellent tackling as well as some good running. The score for this match was Llantwit 2, Llandaff 5 - try scorers were Kristian and Braydan.

The next two matches saw the teams mixed so all boys got to play some more rugby. The players worked really well together again some excellent tackling and offloading, and were great in the scrum but in the next two games we were narrowly defeated. The scores were Llantwit Major 0, Llandaff 3, and Llantwit Major 0 Llandaff 2.

You can tell from just watching how much they are enjoying contact rugby, well done to all players keep it up!

MG
Having had their game called off last week, resulting in a training session, Llantwit Major RFC under-7s hosted Llandaff at the Rec on Sunday.

Llandaff turned up with 20 enthusiastic players so it was decided that both sides would field two teams. This was great news for Llandaff but tough going for Llantwit as they played without substitutes.

All players played with great energy and a willingness to run whenever the opportunity arose. Llantwit won overall by 25 tries to 20 (9-6, 3-3, 8-5 & 5-6). Try scorers were Kyle, Jos, Maverick, Dylan and Bledwyn. Joel was everywhere on the pitch, tagging well to stop Llandaff numerous times.

Well done to the team, showing great improvement with tagging and general understanding of the game which should stand us in good stead for the Sinclair tournament at Llantwit Major on Sunday.

It was great to see some new faces attend the training session held before the match, and we look forward to seeing what they can bring to the squad. If you have a child aged 6-7 and would like to join the team please email lmrfc0708@hotmail.com for more information.

Team: Jos Bournier, Kyle Pagano, Maverick Jennings, Norah Griffiths, Myles McQuaid, Belddyn Mitchem, Evan Boul, Ifan Lovejoy, Dylan Godsell & Joel Harris.

Barry Beavers hold successful triathlon!



On Sunday, September 14, the Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club held another very successful fundraising Triathlon.

Five individual competitors and four teams battled against each other to be awarded the first place.

In the team event, Stephanie Evans and her team from the Barry Eye Centre was first out of the pool in an impressive 19 minutes. Her teammates Diane Hitchcock and Jackie Sims triumphed in the bike and running events to arrive back at Barry Leisure Centre in an impressive time of 1 hour and 19 minutes.

Competing in their first triathlon, Nick's team - Nicholas Cushen, Richard Colbourne and Mark Eveleigh - finished in a great time of 1.32. Richard Field, David Lalande and Joshua Watkins finished in 1.41 and Adam and Peter finished in 1.44. Well done teams!

In the individual race, Chris Economides, chief swimming

instructor at Barry Beavers, who was last year's winner, finished in a great time of 1 hour and 21 minutes, taking two minutes off his winning time from last year.

Patrick Jones finished in 1.23, knocking 10 minutes off his time from last year. Michael Brown, competing in his first triathlon finished in 1.26. Cath Jones 1.50 and to a great big cheer, Robert Lynch came over the line in a fantastic time of 1.55.

The Vale Mayor, Cllr Howard Hamilton and his wife Carol presented the trophies and medals; Barry Beavers are very grateful for all their support.

A big thank you to St John Ambulance, Pegasus Explorers and 372 Barry Air Cadets for giving their time to help at the event. A big thank you to all the marshals, helpers and supporters for making it a successful event.

To finish the event, Sarah, Louis and Joshua Davies did the ice bucket challenge to roars from the crowd!

SD

SAINTS PRESERVE RECORD

BARRY SAINTS maintained their 100 per cent record at the expense of Canton Cross Vaults.

Both teams had maximum points from their opening four games but Saints delivered a crucial blow in the title race with a 2-1 victory in a feisty match which saw the referee show his red card twice.

Saints started the better team with fast tempo football causing problems for Canton back line and cancelling out any threat they offered in return. The midfield battle was intense with both teams picking up silly cautions. Saints pushed on and were rewarded when Nathan Williams found space on the edge of the box to steer a side footed shot into the bottom corner.

Canton equalised soon after with a free kick being fumbled into the path of their player to tuck the ball home. Canton were soon dealt a game changing blow when the referee had no choice but to give the Canton midfielder his marching orders for a disgraceful challenge.

Halftime arrived and Canton clearly frustrated

by the red card decision began to harass the referee and another red card was brandished.

The second half started and the Saints pressed and regained the lead. The Canton keeper could only fumble a shot straight into the path of Williams to smash home the rebound for his second. Saints continued to push with countless chances but were unable to breach the Canton goal.

Canton went close with a sweetly struck free kick striking the post but this was their only effort of any danger during the second half. Saints were unfortunate not to add to their tally after striking the post themselves late on, 2-1 the final score.

Credit to Canton and the nine men who battled extremely hard especially their keeper, who made numerous saves to keep the scoreline at 2-1.

GL

Inter action!

BARRY INTER drew 2-2 with Lisvane Panthers orange, with goals from Mason and James.

It was a valiant effort by the team, who worked hard and fought back well for the draw - the spirit shown by the boys was excellent.

Team: Connor, Lloyd, Aron, Charlie, Josh, Rory, Iestyn, Eski, James, Jacob, Owen, Dan, Mason, Jack.

They then played Lisvane Panthers red and emerged 3-1 winners with goals from Owen, Iestyn N and Jack.

Team: Connor, Lloyd, Aron, Charlie, Josh, Sion, Iestyn, Eski, James, Jacob, Owen, Dan, Mason, Jack.

DD

Point-to-point's strangest races!

ANDREW WARD, back in the 1980s, wrote a book called Horse-Racing's Strangest Races.

Well, in almost 50 years of covering the Welsh point-to-point scene, I think I have enough material to write a book on the strange happenings at some of the point-to-points I have attended.

Take the time when the Jockey Club in 1985 launched an investigation after the handlers of a horse called Captain Equity failed to allow a routine dope test on it after it had finished fourth in the restricted race at the Banwen Miners Steeplechases at Llantwit Major.

The horse's owner Jim Harkins told me at the time that Dennis Williams the horse's trainer was asked to put the horse on the mobile dope test wagon, but the horse wouldn't go up the steep ramp - "After several attempts the horse cut its leg and that was when he loaded the horse in his lorry and drove off."

One witness to the incident told me: "It was quite funny to see the two dope testing officials running after the lorry shouting for the driver to stop."

The owner, who wasn't present when the incident occurred, explained: "Dennis just didn't understand the rules."

Captain Equity, an 11-year-old chestnut gelding, hadn't won for five years and was described by form experts at the time as being 'little better than useless now'.

Then there was the time bookmakers at the Brecon Hunt Point-to-Point Steeplechases at Llanfrynach went on strike after part-time

bookie Alan Hughes, of Llantrisant, demanded that he should be allowed to bet.

So what did the bookies do? They took down their betting boards before the first race and downed tools! The result was that racegoers who fancied Call Me Dinky, ridden by Tim Jones, in the opening members' race, were denied the chance of backing a winner.

Hunt-racing officials wisely decided not to get involved in the dispute and that was when the bookies decided to shut up shop.

Hughes told me back then that he had put in a request to join the South and West Wales Point-to-Point Bookmakers Association but had been informed by secretary that he would have to wait his turn. Racegoers, who were already upset at having to pay £5 per person admission to the racecourse instead of the usual £10 car parking fee which admitted everyone in the car on to the racecourse said they would demand their money back if they couldn't bet on the races.

Mr Hughes, not wishing to spoil their enjoyment, said he would give in on this occasion and the bookie set up shop once again. One of the most sensational finishes I have witnessed happened at the Monmouthshire Point-to-Point at Llanvapley when Golden Gaze, ridden by the legendary Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn, jumped the last fence 10 lengths clear of Beldora and looked certain to win only to slow down on the short run-in and just stopped yards from the winning post and refusing to go any further.

Llewellyn, in an attempt to get his mount going again, gave Golden Gaze half-a-dozen or so slaps down the neck with his whip it and it was only when Beldora and Thunderwood raced past him that Golden Gaze was persuaded to struggle on over the line. The stewards didn't find any marks on Golden Gaze and accepted Llewellyn's explanation that he wasn't hitting an exhausted horse, but a doggy one (doggy is a racing term for a horse that will not try whatever persuasion is applied by the rider).

The stewards told him to be more careful in the future and that was the end of that episode. In what must go down as the most controversial point-to-point race ever (my story made the front page of The Sporting Life, a rare thing indeed for a point-to-point story to make it on the front

page of this sadly now

long defunct newspaper) took place at the Gelligaer Farmers meeting at Llantarnam.

There were only three runners for the men's open race the prolific grey Brunico, trained by Pembrokehire's Peter Bowen, now a leading Welsh trainer under rules, and ridden by Ron Treloggen, Alf Mahaba partnered by Robert Rowsell, of Pontypridd, and Zephyr Nights ridden by Tim Jones of Rudry.

Once the starter got the riders on their way Zephyr Nights and Alf Mahaba's jockeys made little attempt to make a race of it which meant Englishman Treloggen had to take the lead.

The race soon developed into a fiasco with the pace being so slow that Brunico refused at first to jump the second fence.

When the three eventually managed to jump the obstacle, Zephyr Nights led at what was little more than a walk. Some racegoers shouted at the stewards on their stand to declare the race void. Brunico led at the seventh only to refuse again as did the other two horses.

The horses continued the race at what only could be described as a hack canter and eventually Brunico came to the last fence ahead of Alf Mahaba and although strongly challenged, Treloggen and his partner did just enough to score by a length in a very slow time of 9 minutes and 30 seconds. Usually the races are won in around six minutes.

When Brunico returned to the winner's enclosure, he was greeted with the loudest cheers I have ever heard at a point-to-point.

However, when the other two runners reached the unsaddling enclosure they were greeted with boos and catcalls something that I have never witnessed in all my years of reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene.

The stewards called in all three jockeys and told them that their conduct during the race would be reported to the Jockey Club. However, the Jockey Club in their wisdom decided that they had done nothing wrong and no further action was taken.

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Skittles league

BARRY & district skittles league:

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Division 2: Barry Social (G.Dyke 21) 205, Tynny Fliers (D.Snook 26) 237; Exiles (R.Ashford 28) 254, BP.Breakaways (D.A.Coombes 30) 279; Posties (M.Churchill 27) 278, Road Runners (C.Wright 29) 285; Sea View (N.Elston 32) 304, Abercrete (P.Piffeld,

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Willie Wombles (J.M.Parsons 30) 279, Buffs Exiles (R.Miller 27) 251; Witchill Wizards (C.Casado, C.Tipton, D.Britton 32) 343, Tynnewydd Lads (S.Sullivan 32) 322.

Division 3: Billy Whizz (M.Ingram 27) 242, K.P.Monkeynuts 249; Castel Boys (M.Burston 31) 273, Billy Bluebirds (R.Jones 31) 280; C.U.D.(B.Rees 27) 273, Commanches '2' (N.Watkins 29) 256; Cannon Balls (I.Forsyth 33) 317, The Rejects (D.Stringer, M.Dawe 29) 298.

HR

Medal delight for Barry YMCA gymnasts!



BARRY YMCA gymnasts took home a massive haul of 56 medals and ribbons from the recent South Central Novice & Intermediate Championships.

Six of the gymnasts also gained selection to represent the area at the forthcoming Welsh novice finals.

In the Novice 14+ age group the team of Chloe Sullivan, Ellice Stockford & Seren Mirza Davies placed second. Chloe had individual success placing second overall, on beam and bars, and also gained a fifth place ribbon for her vault. Ellice placed third overall, first on vault, and gained fourth place

ribbons for beam and floor and fifth place on bars. Seren gained a ribbon for placing fifth overall and a bronze medal for her beam routine. All three gymnasts gained selection to represent the area at the Welsh finals.

Kelsey Cross and Zoe Arnold competed in the 12/13 age group. Kelsey gained ribbons for placing sixth overall, fifth on vault and beam. Zoe placed fifth overall, second on vault, third on bars, and sixth on beam. She also gained selection for the Welsh novice finals.

In the 10/11 years novice competition Evie Wong placed third overall and gained ribbons for fifth on beam, sixth on bars and beam. She was selected into the team for Welsh finals. Laila

Jade Lang had success in this age group on vault placing fourth while Keagan Mills gained a fifth place ribbon for her beautifully expressive floor.

In the 10/11 years intermediate event the team of Bria Karim, Caitlin Meadows, Erin Gamble and Lara Watkins placed first. There was individual success for all gymnasts. Lara placed first overall and also on vault, beam and floor, and placed second on bars. Bria placed third overall, second on vault, and fourth on floor, bars and beam. Erin placed fifth overall and on beam, floor and vault and sixth on bars. Caitlin placed sixth overall, gained a bronze medal for placing third on beam, placed fourth on vault, fifth on

bars and sixth on floor.

Tamzin Williams, Sophia Foscolo and Celyn Powell competed in the Novice 8/9 years category. Sophia claimed a gold medal on vault and a sixth place ribbon for her bar exercise. Tamzin had a good competition, performing particularly well on her beam routine and vault. Celyn gained a silver medal on bars and gained a ribbon for placing sixth overall. She also gained selection to represent the area at national finals.

Congratulations to all gymnasts and thank you to Aimee, Anne, Ffion, Karen and Sophie for giving up their time to coach and judge at the competition.

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He trains at the full time Karate Jutsu dojo in Cogan, if you'd like to know about joining this club visit www.karate-jutsu.org or call Sensei Lee Costa on 07974972479.



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Dinas Powys move comfortably into first round of cup

DINAS didn't have the best of starts to this game against Caerleon in the second qualifying round of the Welsh Cup, when two of the selected starting 11 had to be dropped to the bench after the warm-up found them to be carrying injuries, so Nicky Bruce and King Junior Mwedo were replaced by Sam Johnson and Joe Briscoe.

Dinas quickly got into their stride, Sam Johnson firing in a shot from 25 yards which Caerleon keeper Richard Lancaster took comfortably and Atif Bashir fed Johnson who in turn found Ben Ah-Mun but he was tackled before he could get a shot away.

This was followed by some determined play by Bashir who, despite having to ride three tackles came away with the ball to lay it off to Luke Swaffield down the right wing, his determination led to a corner which Swaffield took but Lancaster gathered.

Caerleon began to get their act together and a shot from Scott Lewis wide on the left was on target but Dinas' keeper Perks collected comfortably.

On the 22 minute mark Dinas took the lead, a strong run down the left flank by Joe Briscoe, he beat the full back and put in a great cross to Johnson at the far post to volley the ball home from six yards for the opener.

Dinas were well on top and a further chance came when Swaffield powered down the right wing and crossed to Johnson but his header was blocked by a defender and cleared.

At the other end Caerleon were generally only able to hit shots from distance, Dan Bailey playing in a cross-cum-shot into the Dinas box from 35 yards but Perks took the ball high under his crossbar and the Dinas defence were rarely troubled with Bloxham, Marr and Lazarou all in fine form.

A half chance did come Caerleon's way, Scott Lewis finding Liam Head in a dangerous position but skipper Bloxham was

there to once again clear the Dinas lines.

Johnson was making some excellent runs for Dinas and he almost got on the end of another cross from Swaffield but the towering Lancaster just beat him to it. On the half-hour mark persistence by Ah-Mun won Dinas another corner but again it was unproductive.

There was a bit of a scare for Dinas as a scramble ensued in front of their goal but Caerleon couldn't get a shot away and Perks eventually grabbed the ball. A further half chance came their way when Liam Head found Dan Bailey who got a shot away but it was well wide and when they forced a corner, Head sliced it behind the Dinas goal.

The nearest Caerleon got to scoring was when a cross from the right reached Jamie Davies; he shot low and just inside the post but Perks diving to his left to make a fine save. Caerleon's Matt Compton then sustained an injury and had to be replaced by Kade McConville.

Dinas kept pressing and the second goal came with just seconds of the half remaining. Briscoe was again the provider with another good run and cross which Johnson buried in the back of the net to bag his brace and as the half-time whistle went Dinas were well worth the lead.

Caerleon started the second half with a bit more purpose, Jamie Davies getting an early shot in which was wide and their passing was good but the final ball was missing and Dinas began to get on top again with Bashir, Rhodri Foote and Keiron James battling away in midfield and James causing problems for the hosts with his strong jinking runs into the area.

Some excellent passing by Dinas culminated with Johnson and Ah-Mun combining to find Swaffield and he put in a dangerous cross but it was cleared and Johnson and Ah-Mun combined again a couple of minutes later to put James in on goal but his first touch was too strong and a defender cleared the danger before he could get a shot away.

Next it was James' turn to put in a good cross. After some excellent link-up play, he found Johnson but he was dispossessed by the overworked Caerleon defence. The hosts then made a change, Liam Head being replaced by Ben Wooten.

The pressure continued with Rhodri Foote threading a ball through to James who was fouled on the edge of the box. The free kick taken by Briscoe hit the wall and the chance was gone. With 20 minutes remaining Dinas rang the changes, Briscoe being replaced by Khalid Inyang.

McConville didn't make the most of a chance he had for the hosts when James slipped and he got a powerful shot away which was straight at Perks who took it easily. Their number 6 Dan Bailey was then booked for a high tackle.

Jack Coles then entered the fray for Dinas, replacing Foote with 10 minutes remaining. The writing was really on the wall then for the hosts after Bailey received his marching orders for a second bookable offence for a foul on Bashir.

Dinas soon made their man advantage tell, Johnson chipping the ball through to Ah-Mun who hit a great shot for 3-0. And just a couple of minutes later Jack Coles threaded the ball in to Ah-Mun who then laid it off to Johnson to grab his hat-trick and give Dinas a 4-0 lead. They kept the ball well for the final five minutes to progress into round one.

This was a superb all round team performance which managers Lee Saunders and Richie Garland were delighted with.

Squad: 1 Jack Perks, 2 Luke Swaffield, 3 Sam Johnson (3), 4 James Bloxham (c), 5 James Marr, 6 Mike Lazarou, 7 Joe Briscoe, 8 Keiron James, 9 Ben Ah-Mun (1), 10 Atif Bashir, 11 Rhodri Foote, 12 Jack Coles, 14 Khalid Inyang, 15 Nicky Bruce, 16 King Junior Mwedo, 17 James Curtin.

It's back to league action on Saturday when Llwydcoed are the visitors to the Murch, kick off 2.30pm.

PK

Youngsters looking good in new kit!



PICTURED are Holt Road AFC under-10s; the photo was taken just before their first game of the season and they are proudly wearing their new kit supplied by Floored Genius (UK) Ltd.

Injuries cost ladies dear

FOLLOWING on from last week's victory, Dinas Powys ladies went into this game against Ponty ladies in a confident mood.

Both teams had early chances but nothing really threatened. Then disaster struck, first losing Samantha Saunders going over on her ankle, and then, minutes later, Ellen Phillips does exactly the same.

This was a game changer as Ponty struck from a free kick to go in 1-0 up at the break.

The second half saw Dinas struggle to play their passing game and Ponty capitalised on this scoring, another two without reply.

The club wish both Phillips and Saunders speedy recoveries from their injuries.

LS

Wolves show bite!

DINAS Wolves took little time to settle into this game against Inter Penarth after a stern talking to.

Everyone was reminded of their roles and jobs. The boys certainly put in a professional performance with everyone looking to move the ball at pace. There were some very good performances but Kyle Booker (pictured) probably had his finest game without getting on the scoresheet, taking the man of the match award.

Scorers - Conor O'Brien, Jacob P, Jake F, Jake L, Cole S (2), Joe D (4), Callum H (5), Bayley H (5), Kieran Q (3), with two own-goals.

LS



Bridge results

SULLY bridge club results, week ending September 12:

Monday, North/South: 1st Trish Tracy/Mike Hurst 56.94, 2nd Peter Millar/Mark Roderick 56.48, 3rd Charles Johns/Anne Johns 55.32. East/West: 1st Anne MacDougall/Anne Hilary Jones 56.48, 2nd Pat Verdon/Pam Sherman 56.02, 3rd Peter Blackwell/Mary Blackwell 55.09.

Wednesday, North/South: 1st Evarad Kerslake/Vernon Pearn 67.59, 2nd Anne Johns/Bunty Wiseman 63.66, 3rd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 56.25. East/West: 1st Anne MacDougall/Sean MacDougall 67.59, 2nd Judy Collins/Una Gavin 61.57, 3rd Carol

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James/Alan James 59.49. North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 70.42, 2nd Kay Dyer/Reg Dyer 64.17, 3rd Anne Hilary Jones/Beryl Marke 45.42. East/West: 1st Sue Knight/Brian Knight 67.50, 2nd Peter Craig/Hazel Craig 60.00, 3rd Pam Sherman/Una Gavin 50.83.

The club's AGM will take place on Wednesday October 1 at 12:30 - this will be followed by a full Buffet, followed by the afternoon bridge session at 1.30pm. There will be no table money collected and no charge for the buffet, partners will be selected by the drawing of cards - please do make the effort to support your club.

Barrivale Bridge news

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club.

September 9. First, Mark Roderick and Kay Dyer 66.67 per cent; second, Mike Close and Mike Best 63.10; third, Jane Brook and Noelle Bond 58.33.

Mark Roderick and Kay Dyer also won on handicap.

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Athletic get vital first win under their belts

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC opened their account in this season's Championship with a bonus point 27-17 victory over newly promoted Glynneath.

It was only the second defeat suffered by the Neath valley side in two years and shows the step up from Division 1 to the Championship is quite significant. The game started at a good pace with both sides probing the other's defences.

Outside half Josh White put the Athletic in place on the Glynneath 22 with a good touch finding penalty. Flanker Dan Apsee won the throw in and tapped down to his fellow flanker Sean Williams, who peeled around the front of the lineout and fed the supporting hooker Simon Mustoe to crash through an attempted tackle and cross in the corner.

The second Athletic try also came from a line out 22 metres out. Sean Williams won the possession and this time the Athletic set off on a rolling maul. Despite the visitors having a heavier pack the excellent technique displayed by the Athletic 8 took them all the way to the try line

for Dan Apsee to touch down. Josh White converted to put his side 12-0 ahead. The lead was reduced to 12-3 with a penalty from the visitors' outside half Jack O'Reilly.

The Athletic pack were now well on top and good tactical kicking by the youthful half back pair of Jake Williams and Josh White kept them encamped inside the Glynneath half. Having had one success from a line out rolling maul the Athletic tried to repeat the exercise.

Despite being warned about infringing the visitors repeated coming from the wrong side in a desperate attempt to halt the Athletic juggernaut. The referee had no option but to run behind the posts and award the Athletic a penalty try. White's conversion stretched the lead to 19-3, and he then added a penalty to make the score 22-3.

Athletic full back Lindsey MacAusland who was having a very good game in attack and defence ran a kick back at Glynneath. When he was halted the ball was quickly recycled and centres Chris Price and Stuart Griffiths made ground before finding prop Matt Muir on their outside. Muir handed on to wing Dan Howells



Dan Howells passes to Dan Apsee.
PICTURE BY GLENNSPORTS

who had looked threatening all game. Howells faced up his opposite number before a turn of speed saw his opponent clutching at the air and Howells over in the corner for tries in successive games. This secured a bonus point for the Athletic.

Glynneath fought back and were awarded a five metre scrum on their put in. However they suffered the indignity of seeing the smaller Athletic pack front row of Muir, Mustoe and Wayne Fookes show superior scrummaging technique to drive them off the ball and win the ball against the head capping an excellent Athletic first half display with a 29-3 halftime lead.

The second half was a contrast. The Athletic seemed to take their foot off the pedal. Howells and replacement scrum half Aled Thomas both failed to hang onto attempted interceptions

as Glynneath tried running everywhere. The visitors were rewarded near the end for their efforts with tries from wing Stefan Stone and flanker James Parry and an O'Reilly conversion to make the score a more respectable 27-17 to the home side.

The Athletic can now look forward to visiting Cardiff Metropolitan this coming Saturday before entertaining Swansea, whose start to the season suggests they intend to regain their Premiership status at the first time of asking.

The Athletic awarded captain and flanker Sean Williams man of the match status with above average displays from prop Matt Muir and Dan Apsee. Wing Dan Howells and centre Chris Price were the pick of the pack.

The Athletic fielded a young backline with half backs Jake Williams and Josh White showing

great maturity for a young pairing. A new centre pairing of Chris Price and Stuart Griffiths along with last season's wings Howells and Tom Black will hopefully thrive as they all gain more experience playing together. In the pack there is a lot more experience.

Youth lock Lloyd Griffiths did well in his first start alongside veteran Griff Davies, while the back row of Dan Apsee, Tom Penry Ellis and Sean Williams are all seasoned campaigners at this level.

With further options from the injured Ben Howe and Darren Deguerre and prop Rhodri Apsee also to come into the equation, the pack looks settled for the season.

Bridgend Athletic 2nd XV played the same opponents in Glynneath on an adjacent field and they completed an Athletic double, outscoring their opponents by six tries to two in a 34-16 win.

Among the Athletic try scorers were Nathan Holman, Michael Hathaway, Shaun Johnson, William Williams and Josh Evans. Tom Cole converted two of the tries. Chris Whitcombe and Harry Griffiths were jointly awarded the man of the match, while Aled Piliner and Geraint Lang made their senior Athletic debuts. **AB**



LEFT: Isobel Dodd collects her gold medal.

Brynteg athletes compete at the Leckwith Stadium

BRYNTEG Comprehensive School athletes made a substantial contribution to the Glamorgan Valleys Athletics team at the 2014 Welsh Schools National Championships.

The championships held in conjunction with Gemau Cymru, the Welsh Government-funded multi-sports competition organised by the Urdd, were held at the Cardiff International Sports Stadium, Leckwith, Cardiff.

More than 550 athletes had been selected to represent the eight schools' districts, with Brynteg contributing to the white and maroon vest of Glamorgan Valleys.

Competing were: Thomas Seldon – 200m; Tom Rowlands – middle boys' 800m; Luke Bevan – middle boys' 100m and discus; Ieuan Thomas – junior boys' shot putt; Emma Johnson – senior girls' 100m; Isobel

Hughes – senior girls' 200m; Jessica Hegarty – senior girls' 1500m; Zoe Dakin – senior girls' shot putt/discus/hammer; Ceri Jones – middle girls' 300m and hammer; Carys Sheard – middle girls' javelin; Elisha Thomas – junior girls' 100m; Isobel Dodd – junior girls' 800m.

The outstanding Brynteg performance of the championships surely was Zoe Dakin in the hammer. Zoe threw 50.07m to take gold and break the championship record set 13 years ago. She competed in three events overall, winning an additional bronze medal in the discus.

The second Brynteg medalist was Isobel Dodd in the junior girls 800m. Isobel won gold with a run of 2:19.61. Isobel's performance also contributed to Glamorgan Valleys schools' only team medal, with the junior girls team winning bronze.

Connor in team of the month!

SOUTH Wales Scorpions are delighted that hooker Connor Farrer has been nominated in August's Championship 1 team of the month and has also signed a contract for 2015.

His teammate, prop Scott Giles has also signed up for 2015 making it three players so far to have signed on the dotted line for next year.

Scorpions' coach Mike Grady said: "I couldn't be happier that Connor has agreed to stay for the 2015 season. He's a fantastic player, an equally great lad off the field, and he still only 19. He is a pleasure to coach, trains hard, plays well week in week out, has been in numerous teams of the week and month and also had Championship 1 Player of the Month in May. I'd back him for a major award at year end too, one of the best players through the Championships."

The 28-year old Giles has just completed his first professional rugby league season and though interrupted through injury, Grady believes it has been a successful one for him. Giles signed from

Valley Cougars earlier this year after a decade in rugby union with his local club Treharris Phoenix where he spent a number of years as club captain. **IG**

BRIDGE RESULTS

The results for Bridgend Bridge Club for recent events are:

Wednesday, September 10 - First, David Bowen and David Crompton; second, David Lea and Emer Disley; equal third, Irene Thomas and Denis Graham Jones & Steve Burgoyne and Ann Fox.

Friday, September 12 - First, Vida Halford and Glyn Evans; second, John Henson and Terry Dolan; third, Debbie and David Lea.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Nolton Church Hall at 7pm. We try to start at 7pm so it helps if people arrive at least 10 minutes early.

2pm to 5pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there are gentle bridge sessions for the less experienced where assistance is readily available.

The best placed improvers for September 11 were Stuart Davies, Colin Lewis, and Diane and Dilys Bowser.

A new series of lessons will commence on Thursday September 18 at 11am, also at Nolton Church Hall; these are primarily for beginners and those who have played some bridge and would like to improve either or both their bidding and card play.

To book a place on the course or to obtain more information contact John Evans on 01656 880372. **DN**

Latest news from Porthcawl Bridge

PORTHCAWL Bridge Club recently held a heat of the **WBU Simultaneous Pairs**, in which the deals are compiled centrally, and are played throughout Wales on a particular night, and then scored centrally across all participating clubs.

Most of the proceeds go to the Welsh Air Ambulance service. Keith Davison and Tony Haworth not only won the local heat but won the event nationally!

Other recent club night results from the club are as follows: Saturday, August 30, First – Mildred Knight and Audrey Tinkler; second – Peter and Sandie Jenkins.

Monday, September 1, First – Emer Disley and Pat Haworth; second – Marie Hartland and Eleanor Jones. Thursday, September

4. WBU Simultaneous Pairs – First – Tony Haworth and Keith Davison; second – Colin and Lavinia Thomas.

Saturday, September 6, First – Connie Dick and Roger Draper; second – Peter Bennett and Jean Hughes.

Monday, September 8, First – Trish Saunders and Pat Haworth; second – Sandie and Peter Jenkins.

Thursday, September 11, First – Kate Craven and Tony Haworth; second – Pat Roper and Trish Saunders.

On Thursday, September 18, the club is holding its Championship Pairs for the Sid Gibbins Salver.

The club meet times a week – Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, and Monday at the Glamorgan Holiday Home 7pm – 10.15 pm. - visitors welcome at any time. To contact the club, call Trish on 01656 785794. **JR**

FINALS DAY AT PYLE & KENFIG!

THE weather was set fair for Pyle and Kenfig's club finals day on August 31.

A number of matches were played and all displayed outstanding levels of golf and some had thrilling conclusions.

The Men's Club Championship between eight time champion, Matthew Peet and Kevin Somerville, playing in his first championship final was certainly entertaining with Matthew making a gross 68 in the first 18 holes. Kevin managed to hang on but in the end, it was Matthew who took his ninth title.

The Ladies' Championship was no less exciting. Fauve Birch, Welsh girls' captain against Cheryl Western who was hoping to take the title for the first time. Fauve, however, emerged victorious taking the title for the second time.

The Junior Club Championship was contested between Cameron Morris (16) and Tom Peet (12), son of Matthew! Both boys displayed great maturity and played some stunning golf but it was Cameron who was to win his first championship.

A match deserving a mention was the Graham Bowl, the oldest trophy in the club, which was contested by

Geraint Evans and Jamie Jones. It really was a thrilling match which ended up with Geraint Evans the victor after 39 nail biting holes!

Other finals results were: Men's Sker Salver Winner, Jon Stone, Runner-Up, Ioan Emanuel. Clem Lewis, Mixed Foursomes, Winners, Nicky Greenway and Russ Adams, Runners-Up, Amy Rhys and Carl Yardley. Men's Lipscombe Cup, Winner, Steve Vaughan, Runner-Up, Phil Holmes. Men's Rosser Cup, Winners, Matthew Peet and Tom Peet, Runners-Up, Steve Williams and Jeff Lugg. Ladies' Bronze Championship, Winner, Alison Evans, Runner-Up, Anita Evans. Ladies' Hayes Cup, Winner Sue Forbes, Runner-Up, Teri Ward. Ladies' Fruit Shield, Winners, Lady Captain Mary Ellis and Cheryl Western. Runners-Up, Karen Campbell-Ace and Pam Savile. Ladies' Joan Jones Rose Bowl, Winner, Lady Captain Mary Ellis, Runner-Up, Alison Hurry. Many congratulations to all the competitors.

Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club welcomes all golfers and the course is open all year round - contact www.pandkgolfclub.co.uk or secretary@pandkgolfclub.co.uk. **AE**